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Tired of the Boston scandal affecting St. Augustine Church, Bill Novelline spoke at every Mass one week, reminding people of all the good their local church has done.

St. A support

Lay people speaking up, to back local church work

By Rebecca Piro

After watching his church thrive for 30 years, parishioner Bill Novelline couldn't watch the national and Boston priest sexual-abuse scandals bring down St. Augustine Church with them. So he spoke up.

"I'm not what you would call a holy, devout person," he says. "But I'm a great believer in recognizing what is right and what is wrong. When you see that collections are down significantly, when you see that the church is half empty, and people say, 'I'm not going to go there anymore...' It's like biting your nose to spite your face."

Novelline, like some other Catholics, have begun speaking out in support of their local churches. No priests from St. Augustine's have been implicated in the sex-abuse scandal that broke this past spring. But the rain from the eye of the storm — the Boston Archdiocese — has soaked the Andover parish. Collections at Mass last week were about \$2,700 below the church's weekly goal of \$17,000. Parishioners say attendance has been down. And in the midst of it all, the parish is trying to raise funds for its biggest project ever — a \$6 million expansion.

"The problem is, nobody knows all the things that (St. Augustine's does) that are right," says Novelline.

So he spent an entire weekend in June behind the pulpit — the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, the 8, 10 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, and the 12:30 and 5:30 p.m. Masses — to remind the parish's 3,200 members of just those things. "(The parish) has never pressured people for money. If you ever had a problem,

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"I didn't know if someone would throw a tomato at me. I was shocked with applause."

BILL NOVELLINE, ON REMINDING FELLOW PARISHIONERS ABOUT THE GOOD HE BELIEVES HIS LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS DONE

Medical breakthrough

Protein work fixes bad backs

Andover company's research leads to new surgical solution

By Rebecca Piro

After more than 10 years of back-breaking research, scientists at Wyeth BioPharma have found a new kind of relief for that particular affliction.

The company has pinpointed a protein — manufactured at Wyeth's Andover facility on Burt Road — that will grow bone where it has deteriorated in the human body.

In extreme cases, victims of degenerative disc disease suffer pain that robs them of their ability to walk and perform daily tasks, says Rod Riedel, Wyeth's senior project director. Besides the obvious benefit of eliminating the cause of such people's pain, using the new protein to grow bone will also involve a less

painful procedure than the current solution.

Today's surgery of choice is harvesting existing bone from elsewhere in the body. "(Doctors) would make an incision, dissect away the muscles and go right down to your hip bone and take out as much as they needed," says Riedel, who has watched many such surgeries as part of his research. "I must tell you, these are stainless steel chisels and hammers. They bang away and crunch away the bone. It's not for the faint-hearted."

Neither was the work that Wyeth scientists performed to get FDA approval of the protein's use this week. They started more than 10

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Wyeth workers such as Supervisor Brendan Sullivan, a former Andover resident, are now working on using the BMP-2 protein "brewed" in their labs to heal bone fractures.

Summer camp safety

More rules, better camps?

By Rebecca Piro

Public health nurse Joanne Martel keeps a newspaper clipping on her desk — the story of Jovanny Ortiz, the 14-year-old Lawrence boy who died at a New Hampshire summer camp last month.

The boy's mother has since wondered publicly whether her son would have survived his asthma attack if his inhaler had not been kept under lock and key — something camp administrators did believing they were following state regulations.

But for Martel, the newspaper clipping isn't a reminder of what went wrong that day. It's the reason why regulations are there in the first place.

"The regulations are not perfect. You can't cover every scenario," she says. "But we do the best we can. (People) should know that the regulations are there to protect their children."

The number of regulations have increased in recent years, as have the type of organizations that are now considered camps and must follow these rules.

"We need to do background checks on all employees. There needs to be a gun policy, an intruder policy — things that reflect the times, as sad as it sounds," Martel says.

A binder, a few inspections and \$100 later, a camp can be licensed as a child-safe operation.

But are the regulations more of a hindrance than a help?

It was a scramble to put together all the rules and policies for Hoopstown, a five-week-long basketball camp held at Andover High School, says



Carolina Dymond, nurse at Andover's Camp Evergreen, examines medicine taken from the camp's lock box.

owner Dave Fazio. But now he's got the binder and license to show for it.

"If there's a tornado that's coming, we've got a policy for tornadoes," he says. "In the end, it's a better program for the kids."

The camp existed for about 10 years as Andover Basketball School, but changed its name to Hoopstown LLC when the state's regulations forced the organization to start jumping through hoops.

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Police may close Park at nightfall

By Ben Hellman

The Andover Police Department is considering posting signs in the Park to cut down on teenage loitering and disturbance of residents in the area at night. The signs would close the Park at dusk, unless there is a scheduled event, according to Police Chief Brian Pattullo.

The measure comes as a result of a rise in nightly activity and resident complaints about noise. "People around the Park deserve some peace and quiet," said Pattullo.

The downtown area including the Park, surrounding areas and parking lots saw a rise in late-night activity after school let out. Pattullo blames the heat as well. "It's hot. People are outside their apartments. We're chasing our tail a little," he said.

Police responding to complaints may move a group of youths out of one area only to have to move them from a different area when fresh complaints come in. "It's one of those things we've always done," said Pattullo.

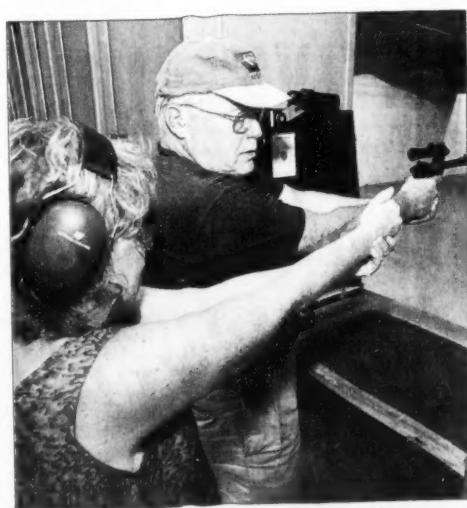
A fight was reported last week at Memorial Circle on Wednesday, July 3 at 11:56 p.m., this time including men and women. The fight was broken up by the time police arrived, according to Lt. Kevin Winters, and no charges were filed. A male suspect fled the scene on foot and a no-trespassing notice is being brought against him by the Andover Housing Authority.

Pattullo said the fight at Memorial Circle on the weekend of June 22 because "a drug deal went bad" involved residents from other areas of town and people from outside of town.

"None were residents of Memorial Circle," he said.

But police are keeping their eyes open in the area. "We've increased our presence a bit," said Pattullo.

UNFORGETTABLE FIRE



Residents can learn to use weapons at the Andover Sportsmen's Club in Harold Parker State Forest. Judy Wakefield's column on learning to shoot, page 9. Story on club, page 11.

Franciscan Center may be ruled out

Other new-schools decisions may wait until mid-August

By Neil Fater

If the new High Plain Elementary School is going to need a delayed opening, there are currently two options considered by the superintendent of schools: distribute the kids to existing schools, or educate them at the Franciscan Center on River Road. By next week, the Franciscan Center may no longer be an option.

Because of the work and expense it will take to prepare the Franciscan Center for classes, the School Building Committee may soon eliminate the center from consideration.

"I think a decision needs to be made within the week," said Mark Johnson, School Building Committee Chairman. "If it's not going to be a viable option, then

let's take it off the table."

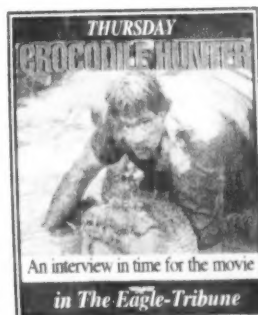
While a decision on continuing to consider the Franciscan Center may be imminent, it appears officials may take the entire summer to nail down a complete plan for September. "We wanted the parents to know in June," said Superintendent Claudia Bach on Monday. "We sit here tonight and tell you we don't know (the plan)."

School Committee member Tina Girdwood says the problem is that officials don't know if both schools will be ready, or when they will be ready. If they knew that information, they could determine a plan.

Bach says officials may wait until just before Aug. 22, the date of the *Townsmen's* Back to School special section, to make

certain decisions. But before that date, says Bach, the schools would "need to know everything we'll have to do, down to the last detail."

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Lay people call for support of St. A

■ CATHOLIC PARISH

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they were there. Do you realize you've got nearly 500 kids going through St. Augustine school? There are 1,400 kids in CCD. You've got programs that deal with the abused, the single parent, the divorced, the elderly, (run by) over 500 volunteers here. They're not getting paid anything and they do it because they're committed."

It's not that Novelline took the news of the scandal more lightly than the rest of the pious in his pew. "Was I upset about it? I was on fire," he says. "We have four children. Three happen to be males. If anything had happened to them, you'd be talking to me in Walpole (Correctional Institute), because I'd have killed over the issue."

Yet, he decided that St. Augustine didn't deserve to take the brunt of it — and made a beeline for the podium.

"I didn't know if someone would throw a tomato at me," he says. "I was shocked with applause."

Brother John Delcasale, an Augustinian friar who lives at the parish's rectory, is among those pleased to hear that people like Novelline are speaking up. After months of Catholic-bashing, he says it's refreshing to hear someone speak positively about the Church's works.

"I think most people have to keep a positive outlook," he says, adding that while he regrets the injury caused by some Catholic priests, "what's done is done."

He thinks that the collection-

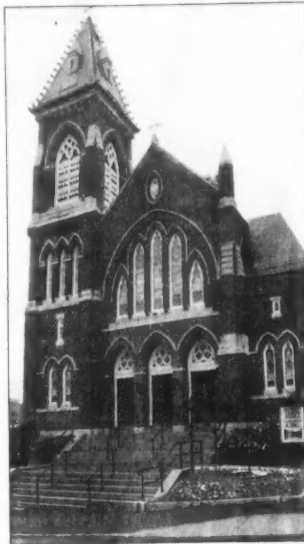
money coffers have shrunk because helpless parishioners are withholding their offerings as a means of expressing their anger. He says the church's financial support started faltering last March, a few months after the scandal broke in January with the trial of pedophile and former priest John Geoghan.

Fr. Alfred Ellis, pastor at St. Augustine's, recently informed parishioners in the church newsletter that a budget cut is possible, due to the decreased donations. Upset as she is about the priest sex-abuse scandal, that news was even more unsettling to parishioner Klara Vajda. Two weekends ago, she told the congregation so.

"The financial support at St. Augustine's is clearly up to us. Either we support our parish or not," she said to the church. "Do we all know how much support our faith community provides for so many? Probably we do not, because if we would know, we would not destroy it."

St. Augustine Church wants to expand its faith community by adding \$6 million worth of new construction.

The planned Center for Education and Ministry would house parish offices and religious classes; a Sports and Cultural Center, to be located in place of the convent behind St. Augustine School, would house a gymnasium and a drama stage; and an expansion of the school and church itself would follow to increase capacity.



St. Augustine Church on Essex Street

Vajda says that the project's fundraising was put on hold this past spring to prevent conflict between the bishop's annual fundraiser. Ellis was not available Tuesday to comment on whether the fundraising has since resumed, how far the church still has to go before reaching its financial goal and whether the expansion is still a viable — or needed — option.

Delcasale says the low collection figures do not necessarily reflect the fundraiser's status. "I don't think there's been a big effect on it, because that's a special fund," he says. Rather, Delcasale says the project's hold-up is with the town, which must

issue building permits before ground can be broken.

Several members of the parish's pastoral and finance councils refused to comment or did not return calls from the *Townsmen* Tuesday.

Vajda says she too got a mostly positive response to her speech two weeks ago. But there were some exceptions. "I heard some people heading out of the church (saying) that they didn't like me asking for money and to be generous," she says. "Money is a very strong language."

But there's a lot more than just the financial aspect of the church that is suffering, remonstrates Novelline, who says that his message was not to promote the fundraising project or urge parishioners to give.

"I was not talking about money at all," he says. "That was the furthest thing from my mind. You have to get people back to thinking what this parish is all about."

During his several homilies, Novelline appealed to parishioners to pick up the phone, if they agreed with him, and call someone else to talk about it. "And tell them to call someone," he says. "Get a groundswell going. We can make a difference."

And that's just the beginning of his ideas.

"The bumper stickers — you know how you see 'I love New York?' How about, 'I love St. Augustine's,' just to show there is an allegiance there?" he asks.



PHOTO BY REBECCA PIRO

The Abbot Well off Andover Street was a source for residents of fluoride-free well water. The town may need to go under the nearby railroad tracks to fix a leak for the well to reopen.

Well done, indefinitely

Town well closed, leak needs fixing

By Rebecca Piro

Shutdown of the town's only public water well is leaving some residents thirsting for answers.

More than 25 people drive up to the Abbot Well on Andover Street each day, says John Pollano, superintendent of the town's water treatment plant. But now those people have to keep on driving, turned away by a red and white sign that tells residents the well is closed indefinitely.

"We've determined that there is a leak in there, and finding it is the immediate problem," says Pollano.

The well, which dates back to 1957, has about 400 feet of pipe that run underground, under the nearby railroad tracks, from the water hole to the spigot that sticks out of the small, brick building on Andover Street. The town discovered the problem when it realized the water pressure was unusually low.

The well has been closed

for about one month, says resident Harold Martin, who drove away disappointed and empty-handed this week.

"The water's really good and we appreciate it," he says.

Martin lugs 10 to 15 one-gallon jugs from the well to his Tewksbury Street home every couple weeks. He prefers the well water over the town tap water. "The Merrimack River treated water does not do much for me," he says.

The well was at one time part of the public water supply and was treated with chemicals, says Pollano. It was taken out of the public water supply system in 1976 because of a declining yield. The town kept the station open for residential use. Up until it closed recently, the well was a source of fluoride-free water for locals.

"It's likely that they're not all Andover residents," Pollano adds.

Jack Petkus, Public Works

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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



The scene at left is downtown Andover during the 1940s. The Gulf station is still there today, though its sign, and the cars that fill up there look a bit different.

Quote, unquote . . .

IT SURE DIDN'T HAVE THAT MUCH BEARING to the result.

— Gerry Gustus on the inadvertent misuse of public funds to advertise the override vote. (Story, page 7)

WE ASKED THEM if they were going to support the program again this year, and they said, "We already did."

— Daniel Harrington, president of the Andover Football Boosters Association, explaining how the group discovered that some of its annual supporters had been scammed out of the donations. (Story, page 6)

News Calendar

Thursday, July 11

Retirement Board, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

Tobacco Awareness Program, 20 Main St., second floor, 11 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 13

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 9 a.m.

Monday, July 15

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16

Conservation Commission, Town

Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Monday, July 22

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24

Friends of Andover Music Education, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Government Review Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 25

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Holocaust survivor speaks tonight

Holocaust survivor Nesse Godin will speak at Phillips Academy at the Kemper Auditorium tonight, Thursday, July 11 from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

Godin is a survivor of the Shauliai, Lithuania Ghetto, the Stutthof Concentration Camp, four labor camps, and a death march.

She has dedicated her adult life to teaching and sharing her memories of the Holocaust.

Godin was born in Shauliai, Lithuania where she lived with her parents and two brothers until the Nazi invasion. In 1950, she and her husband Jack, also a survivor, came to the United

States and settled in the Washington, DC area. They have two daughters and a son, and seven grandchildren.

She is co-president of the Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Friends of Greater Washington and a member of the board of directors and a founding member of several Holocaust survivor groups.

Nesse Godin

— Ben Hellman

Expanded train service from Boston

Hundreds of Andover residents take the T into Boston on a daily basis, and many more use it to attend events in Boston. On Monday, July 8, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) officials announced that those who do will now have more options about when they can return home.

There will be new schedule improvements on the Haverhill/Reading commuter rail line.

The nighttime inbound trains, which usually end their routes at Reading, will now continue to Haverhill. There is also going to be a new addition of a convenient 10:35 p.m. train from Boston on the commuter rail

line, which will also stop at Andover. The only other late-night trains available run at 8:34 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. "We needed a later train," MBTA spokesperson Brian Pedro says. "It's a perfect time, if you're coming out of a Bruins or Celtics game. In the winter, you don't want to be waiting around."

There will also be later inbound trains available for those riding into Boston.

For more information on the new schedule changes, visit the MBTA's Web site at <www.mbt.com>, where the MBTA provides a complete list of times and routes.

Do parents want all-day K for \$3,500?

By Jesse Greenspan

At its next scheduled meeting on July 15, the School Committee will decide whether or not to offer an all-day kindergarten program at each of Andover's six elementary schools.

If approved, the plan would go into effect this September, and would go from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day.

However, the program would cost \$3,500 per student for the year, which is only legal because the second half of the day would be considered an after-school activity, say officials.

To find out how many people are interested in the program, the Andover School system conducted a survey that ended July 9. These results have not been released, and Dr. Marinell D. McGrath, who is running the survey, was unavailable for comment before press time.

However, if the fee-based all-day kindergarten class is offered, the School Committee is predicting more families will be interested than there are spaces available. As a result, a lottery would be held within one week of the School Committee's decision to determine the status of all applying students.

According to a letter to parents, from McGrath, the all-day kindergarten class would represent a heterogeneous population.

Langlais finishes strong at meet

In a May 23 *Townsmen* article on page 41 an athlete was misidentified in the sub-section entitled "MVC Developmental Meet" in the sixth paragraph. The sentence should have read: "Rebecca Langlais finished sixth in the 800 meters (2:45.1)."

Meningitis clinics

The Andover Board of Health is offering Meningitis Vaccine Clinics over the course of the summer for incoming college freshmen. The clinics will be at the Town Offices Building, 36 Bartlett St., and the cost is \$70.

"College freshman in particular are at risk, due to their lifestyle," says Jane Morrissey, a Public Health Nurse. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended the vaccination, and its required by many colleges.

To make an appointment, or for more information, residents should contact Public Health Nurses Joanne Martel or Jane Morrissey at 978-623-8295.

Pomps party

Pomps Pond will be open July 14 for a Family Splash Party starting at 1 p.m. with

games and crafts along the water's edge. Pond hours are noon until 7 p.m. For more information call Kim Stamas at 978-623-8274.

PA college fair

The Phillips Academy Summer Session will host a college fair from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 12, at the Case Memorial Cage, behind the gym on the Phillips Academy campus. The college fair is an opportunity for high-school students and their parents to meet and gather information from admission representatives from approximately 100 colleges. The public is welcome.

Town tax bill out

The town of Andover has mailed the real estate tax bill for the first quarter of fiscal year 2003. This is a preliminary bill based on the actual fiscal year 2002 taxes. Payment is due Thursday, Aug. 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent.

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"Patty Crafts (the town health agent) explained we weren't following policies. We had no idea we had to do all these things," he says. "Last year we really went to town and got it all in place." Now Hootown has a health-care supervisor on site and doctors lined up in case of emergencies. Fazio stands behind the policies, even the ones that require most medications to be locked up, because he believes the intention is right.

"Sometimes crazy things happen out there that are out of your control, but we're all human beings and people will make mistakes. We don't have a perfect scenario; we're just doing the best we can."

Nothing so tragic as Ortiz's death has ever happened in Andover in relation to a camp, says Martel. The closest incident was a near-drowning at Pumps Pond several years ago. Martel chooses to take that as proof that the health department, and the regulations it implements, are on the right track.

Meeting the long list of requirements can be challenging for an organization just starting up, says Jim Loscutt, director of Camp Evergreen. The changing regulations aren't so hard for his camp to adapt to — after 38 years of business, they have a solid operation established, he says.

Camp Evergreen is a day camp that hosts more than 400 campers every summer from ages 4 to 15. It too follows the regulation that most medications must be locked away securely. Camp administrators include inhalers on that list, though some health professionals say is not necessary, nor required by the state.

"If a child demonstrates that he can use an inhaler, then that child should carry his inhaler," says Martel. Loscutt says employees at Camp Evergreen don't follow that thinking.

"It's safer for them to keep it here, because it's not that far from the nurse's office," he says, adding that Camp Evergreen has one nurse and eight people trained to administer medication

on site. "You want to watch them actually breathe it in. If they're not doing it right, they're not going to get the benefit of it anyway."

Keeping up with increased regulations can create additional costs to campers, Loscutt says, but it's not exactly an option.

"You just do it," he says. But following the regulations and getting licensed isn't just a responsibility of the camps. Parents need to comply with requests for their child's medical records and personal information, says Martel, so camps will have an accurate database.

It would also serve parents well to make sure they are signing their child up for a camp that is licensed — something they can do by checking brochures or calling the camp or town health department.

"Everything has to be in writing. It's a lot of work," she says. "But because something is a lot of work or paperwork doesn't mean it shouldn't be done."

GOING FOURTH



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Horribles Parade and Pancake Breakfast in the Park attracted crowds in downtown Andover on July 4. In the above left photo, Annie McGraw plays the part of Lady Liberty. In the photo at right, friends Michaela McIver and Shelby Pustis get loaded up with sausage and pancakes.

Selectmen won't label goals

By Rebecca Piro

The selectmen are no longer aiming high in terms of their annual goals. They aren't aiming medium or low, either.

Instead of classifying the board's goals in those three categories — which implied that some goals were more important than others, selectmen say — they'll now put a numerical reference on them.

What used to be known as high-priority goals will now be known as level-one goals, suggested Selectmen Chairman Ray Hender Monday night. Level-two goals correspond with the medium-priority goals and low-priority goals are now level-three goals.

"Because they aren't really low priority," Hender said.

In the past, selectmen have piled several goals onto their annual list. Last year's compilation stuck seven goals, consisting mainly of the town's major construction projects, under the

most important heading. Six goals were listed as medium priority and five were headed under low. Selectmen reserved the "other" category for projects and issues that no one is necessarily actively working on, but that are on the town's radar screen.

The goals will be listed under their appropriate numbers when the officials finalize the list at next week's selectmen's meeting.

"It's more an indication of how much time it will take (to accomplish them)," said Selectman John Hess.

Next year's goals include further developing the Strategic Planning Task Force, a group of selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee members who work together to plan future budgets. Selectman Mary Lyman requested that the group identify communities comparable to Andover for use when comparing spending to other

towns. Selectman Brian Major also suggested that the group create a plan as to when it is best for the town to resort to using debt exclusions — temporary increases in taxes above that allowed under Proposition 2 1/2 — to fund projects.

Another goal that remains on this year's list is a new senior center. Selectmen hope to have a decision on a site for a new facility by January of 2003, and to have a warrant article requesting design money by next year's Town Meeting.

Selectmen will continue to monitor the progress of the new safety center, the police side of which will open on Aug. 8, and the new schools, which the School Committee is unsure will open in September. Selectmen also plan to ask for an update from the Andover Youth Foundation on the progress of the youth center proposed for west Andover.

Improving collective bargaining, or negotiating contracts with the town's unions, is another of the selectmen's goals. Currently the town has yet to settle new contracts with four other unions besides the firefighters union — the union of workers in Plant and Facilities and Public Works; the union made up of department heads; the police dispatchers' union; and a group of employee "independents."



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Camper Patrick Sullivan builds a boat as part of Camp Evergreen's woodworking program.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Friday, July 5 - At 2:15 a.m., Andrew Jenkins, 19, of 15 West Parish Drive, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer, causing malicious damage to a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, violating a red light, speeding, driving to endanger, failing to stop for police and possessing a Class D substance.

At 11:13 p.m., Gregory Phaneuf, 44, of 3 Pepperidge Circle, was arrested and charged with failing to wear a seat belt, failing to signal, speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Saturday, July 6 - At 10:05 p.m., Andrew Street, 20, of 379 Park St., North Reading, was arrested and charged with attempting to procure liquor as a minor and presenting a false identification card.

At 11 p.m., Edwin Santana, 36, of 294 Salem St., Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and a subsequent offense of possessing a Class D substance.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, July 2 - At 2:27 a.m., officers assisted North Andover police in attempting to stop a break-in to a Dunkin' Donuts in North Andover. The suspects got away.

At 11:44 a.m., a caller reported "malicious damage" to the Phillips Academy boat house, according to the log.

At 3:28 p.m., a caller reported that a female bus driver was being assaulted by a 14-year-old male student. The incident had happened on the highway, according to the log, and the state police were to investigate.

At 5:33 p.m., a Hitchcock Farm Road caller reported that his cell phone was missing.

At 9:12 p.m., a caller reported a "huge fight" at the Park. An officer dispersed the crowd.

At 9:48 p.m., a female reported that she was having a domestic problem with her son.

Wednesday, July 3 - Between 12:16 a.m. and 8:02 a.m., police received reports from residents on Larchmont Circle, Stoneybrook Cir-

cle and Pendant Court about vandalized mailboxes.

At 11:34 a.m., a caller reported that an angry man was walking down Burr Road towards Gillette, waving a sign and "patting his side like he had a gun," according to the log. A responding officer reported that the man was a former employee who was protesting and was not hurting anyone.

At 3:27 p.m., a Granli Drive resident reported that a rooster was running around.

At 5:05 p.m., a caller reported a fight between two men near Lawrence Savings Bank. A responding officer did not see evidence of a fight.

At 7:45 p.m., a Deerberry Lane resident reported that a man tried to take away her disassembled swing set but left after she told him to get off the property.

At 9:58 p.m., a Lillian Terrace caller reported that someone was setting off fireworks. An officer confiscated the fireworks.

At 11:28 p.m., a security officer for a building on Federal Street reported that a man had entered the lobby and refused to leave, "because he pays taxes," according to the log. A responding officer determined that the subject was confused.

At 11:56 p.m., a Memorial Circle caller reported a fight involving two females and some men.

Thursday, July 4 - At 2:43 a.m., officers assisted an elderly woman on High Street who had fallen and couldn't get up.

At 6:23 a.m., a caller reported an alarm going off at a Bartlett Street building. An officer reported that the disturbance had been caused by people setting up for the holiday's pancake breakfast.

At 6:27 a.m., a caller reported possible squatters in an old house on River Road. A responding officer found the house to be all locked up.

At 5:25 p.m., an officer spoke to two kids who were accused of urinating in the parking lot at Poms Pond.

At 6:31 p.m., an officer assisted someone in a car on North Main Street who appeared to be having a heart attack.

At 6:43 p.m., a nurse from Lawrence General Hospital reported treating a patient who had been bitten by a dog on North Main Street the previous day. The information was given to the animal control officer.

At 7:53 p.m., a male had reportedly jumped off a bridge on Interstate 93 into the Merrimack River. No one could find the man who jumped into the water.

At 9:20 p.m., an officer spoke to an Osgood Street resident who had been lighting fireworks.

At 9:49 p.m., an officer spoke to a Burnham Road resident who was lighting off fireworks.

At 10:07 p.m., a caller reported that kids were shooting off fireworks on Main Street.

At 11:39 p.m., a security guard at Dynamics Research on Frontage Road reported a suspicious character in the parking lot. A responding officer reported that the person was simply a new employee with whom the guard was unfamiliar.

Friday, July 5 - At 4:01 p.m., a

resident reported that her daughter was getting harassed by other kids on her street.

Saturday, July 6 - At 12:18 p.m., a Clark Road resident reported that a vehicle had stopped and a man got out and hid something in the bushes. A responding officer talked to the man, who said he goes on long runs and likes to stash water bottles along the route.

At 2:05 p.m., police assisted EMTs with an elderly female who fell and hit her head.

At 9:48 p.m., police assisted EMTs with a female who was choking.

At 10:02 p.m., a Whittier Street resident reported that some kids had tried to gain entry to her house the previous night, and a neighbor who had seen them had scared them away.

At 11:16 p.m., police spoke to a man and woman who were arguing off of Old River Road.

Sunday, July 7 - At 12 a.m., a Brechin Terrace resident reported that some kids were sitting in the middle of the street's intersection with Shawsheen Road.

At 12:04 a.m., a caller reported that some kids were making noise at

Memorial Circle.

At 3:30 p.m., a member of a sheriff's department in Georgia reported that an Andover resident may have been planning to injure herself. Andover police could find a person by the name given them by the sheriff's department.

Monday, July 8 - At 11:26 a.m., a Gavin Circle resident reported she had been hit, but not seriously, by

two dogs.

At 3:43 p.m., a Stevens Street resident reported that her mother may have been scammed.

At 5:09 p.m., a Stafford Lane resident reported hearing gunshots. A responding officer could find no evidence of gunshots.

Tuesday, July 10 - At 1:31 p.m., a resident reported the violation of a restraining order by phone.

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Money for AHS football intercepted?

Two say other group allegedly posed as Boosters for Andover High squad

By Rebecca Piro

The Andover Football Boosters Association sells ads to businesses every year to raise money for the Andover High School team.

"All proceeds go 100 percent to the team," says Boosters president Daniel Harrington. Except for this year.

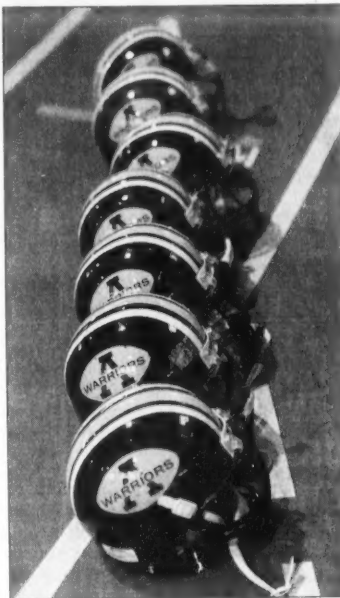
Harrington believes at least two people may have been scammed by an Illinois company trying to pose as the Boosters — or at least allowing unsuspecting, but good-intentioned customers, to get confused.

Ellen Lee, owner of Kabloom on Main Street, thought she was donating almost \$400 to the Andover Football Boosters. She talked to a man on the telephone recently who told her they represented the town, and that for a certain price, her business would be featured on a calendar to be hung around town with the Andover High School football team's schedule printed on it.

"I remember saying, 'I don't understand why you're calling me and it wasn't the Boosters calling me,'" says Lee, a 12-year Andover resident. "They said, 'the towns contact us to do the (phone calls) for them.'"

The company representative also mentioned names of other businesses in Andover, like Papa Gino's, that were supposedly participating in the calendar fundraiser. "It was very polished," Lee says.

Lee and another woman who later contacted the Boosters, but didn't leave her full name, didn't realize their mistakes until an



FILE PHOTO

The Boosters raise funds to help provide the Andover High School football team with equipment.

actual member of the Boosters called looking for an annual donation.

"We asked them if they were going to support the program again this year, and they said, 'We already did,'" says Harrington. His reaction was one of horror. "We thought, 'Oh, you've got to be kidding me. Eight-hundred dollars is a lot of support.'"

Lee has since called the Illinois company, which goes by the name High Schools Sports Promotion. The company has denied that it claimed it was associated with any communities. "Without having a tape recorder, I can't say that (the company) said the following," she says. "It was totally misleading."

The money raised by the Boosters usually buys team uniforms and equipment. The association will try to make up the shortfall by holding other fundraisers throughout the year, says Harrington, who adds that the two \$400 donations were a particularly generous gesture on the part of Kabloom and the unidentified woman.

He hopes that everyone who is considering donating to the Boosters will double check to make sure they are speaking to an actual member of the association. People with questions can call Andover High School's athletic department.

He plans to run an ad for Kabloom, and the woman's company if she contacts him again, to thank them for their good-hearted intentions — even if they didn't end up as planned.

"I did have good intentions," says Lee. "I really wanted to help out the Boosters club."

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following is a list of properties that sold in Andover from Jan. 22 to Jan. 31, according to public information available at the Registry of Deeds:

Credent Mobily Financial Corp. bought 29 Alcott Way for

\$300,000 from Gary and Kelly McKinnon. Then, Susan E. Robinson and James J. Maher bought 29 Alcott Way for

\$300,000 from Credent Mobily Financial Corp. The mortgage is with Washington Mutual Bank.

Raymond Goudreau bought a unit at 90 Washington Park Drive for \$88,900 from Timothy Sullivan, and Marion and Richard Coleman. The mortgage is with Sovereign Bank.

Cynthia and George Milne bought 124 High St. for \$275,000 from Patricia Bergeron, Brenda Holter,

Andrew Wright, Edwin Wright Estate and Anna Wright Estate. The mortgage is with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc.

Jose Arnoldo Almeida-Vieira bought 4 Newman Hill Drive for \$910,000 from Rick and Dayna Meissner. The mortgage is with Hunneman Mortgage Corp.

Joanne Bishop bought 22 Railroad St. for \$255,000 from Morton and Daniel Candee.

Barry Finegold and Amy Gottesman, trustees of the ANB Realty Trust bought 42 Stirling Road for \$644,000 from Stirling Woods LLC. The mortgage is with The Savings Bank.

James and Mary McIntyre bought 44 Sunset Rock Road for \$426,000 from RCC Realty Trust, Richard C. Comins, trustee. The mortgage is with Mortgage Financial Services Inc.

Jose and Maria Couto bought 4 Buttonwood Drive for \$1.4 million from Stephen Watts. The mortgage is with Sovereign Bank.

Farah N. Smith bought 19 Pasho St. for \$350,325 from Marilyn M. Douglass. The mortgage is with E-Loan Inc.

Steven and Laurie Martin bought 38 Bancroft Road for \$395,000 from Harry Budd. The mortgage is with Monument Mortgage Co. Inc.

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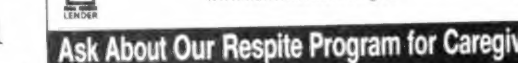
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By Ben Hellman

Gustus spoke to the *Town* man in early April after the newsletter was sent out, explaining his understanding of the law. "So long as it is prior to a ballot question it is very open to what you are allowed to do and say," said Gustus. Gustus repeated this week that his understanding of the law was that once an override became a ballot question,

regarding its attention to call-

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Preparing for litigation

"We're trying to do the best we can to plan for several possibilities. One's the school opening on time, one's partial occupancy," said Tina Girwood, School Committee member.

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Opinion

Prioritize specific goals, specific dates

PROJECTS CAN'T GET THEIR FEELINGS HURT. There's nothing wrong with saying one town project is the highest priority and another is of lesser, but still significant importance.

That's why the selectmen's decision to stop labeling their goals as being of "high priority" or "medium priority" carries a politically correct emptiness. Selectmen are thinking of calling their goals "level 1" and "level 2." They can call their high-priority items whatever they want — but, given Andover's tightening budget picture, town leaders must outline exactly what these few, specific projects are. The top two or three projects are the ones to which selectmen must devote the town's limited time and money.

The selectmen also should say in no uncertain terms what they believe must be accomplished by paid town employees. They should outline by what date they expect projects to be completed.

Andover has had repeated problems with reaching deadlines for its most important projects. The solution to this problem is not to avoid listing target dates, as the selectmen seemed to be considering regarding collective-bargaining resolutions and some major construction jobs. Having contracts, well-built new schools, a safety center and sewer lines that are ready when planned are certainly among the town's important goals.

In the past, selectmen have listed more than a dozen items as priorities. When one lists so many issues as needing attention, the top two or three projects may not receive the undivided attention they deserve. Selectmen should be encouraged to focus their attention on just a few, critical projects, and to hold town workers to completing these few projects in a timely manner.

It's not offensive to have items that one lists as one's highest priorities. It can be offensive to taxpayers to not hold workers responsible for accomplishing these top tasks in a timely manner when taxpayers' money is on the line. Given this year's override defeat, it's more clear than ever that selectmen need to focus town government, because Andover isn't able to do it all.

Web question

How do you feel about using guns and other weapons at a town club?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

Would Andover support an old-fashioned, family-run ice cream stand?

With the Web site, and therefore Web question, only posted Monday and Tuesday, 23 people voted. But last week's heat may have influenced the result. Of those who voted:

► 19, or 83 percent, said, "Yes, absolutely. I would definitely support a family-run ice cream stand in Andover. We need it."

► 3, or 13 percent, said, "No. I do not support the idea. Andover is too built-up, so there is no idyllic place to put one. Main Street would be perfect, but there is no place to park."

► One said "Other."

This week's Web question:

The Andover Sportsmen's Club has been in Andover for 68 years. They are open to the public on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Will you take advantage of the opportunity to learn about guns and archery safely in Andover?

• I can't wait to get into the woods and blow off some steam. It's an age-old hobby and it's protected in the Constitution.

• Guns are cruel, unusual and primitive. Keep this out of my back yard!

• That's not my thing. But others can do whatever they want at the club.

• Other.

Surf over to the site at www.andovertownsmen.com to cast your vote.

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KEEPING COOL



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Matthew Pantanella keeps cool with firefighters' relief fan during the Department of Community Service's Firefighters Day in the Park on Tuesday.

LETTERS

Our house was, is a fine house

Editor, Townsman:

Several years ago I promised myself that I would never write a letter to the editor and thus keep out of controversy — and then I ran for moderator.

With that said, I would like to shed a ray of light and possibly correct some irregularities in a story which appeared recently in the *Townsman* concerning the house at 15 Chestnut St. The house was built probably in 1898 by Hardy & Cole, Contractors, and the foreman was a young Will Doherty, my father. It was his first job as foreman. The architect was Perley Gilbert, an Andover man, graduate of Phillips Academy and MIT. At Andover, Gilbert played end on the football team and his friend on the other end, Eddie Shevlin, later played at Yale, and was a four-year All-American on Walter Camp's team.

Gilbert was the architect for the Memorial Auditorium, and the Junior High School (now the senior center and school department offices) built in 1934-1936.

Billy Higgins and his wife lived in the house until death took them, around 1940. There was a Connors family who lived there until the early 1950s, when my brother Bill bought it. He rented it for a few years to Mrs. Ritchie who operated a "Tots & Teens" shop.

About 1956 Bill moved our mother up there and he married Muriel in 1958. Our mother died in 1963. Bill and Muriel Doherty remained there until his death in 1987.

We are all quite pleased with the work that the present owners have put into it.

James D. Doherty
Juniper Road

Forget plan, find a way to keep teachers, programs

Editor, Townsman:

A plea to the School Committee:

Please stop the dismantling of our school system. Protect the students from an administration that is bent on pushing through a new agenda that eliminates teachers and penalizes anyone interested in extra-curricular activities. The override vote was not a mandate to destroy the school system, although you continue to interpret it that way. More than 5,000 voters asked you to reconsider your budget priorities. I doubt that many of them wanted to see teachers fired and programs eliminated. There were nearly 3,000 people who voted "yes" to give you additional funding. They surely were not asking you to eliminate teachers.

The economic climate has worsened since your first budget analysis in February. Any estimates for next year are hardly more than a guess at this point. It's OK for you to go back and reconsider priorities. This isn't the same set of parameters you had to work with four months

ago. Few people will consider you to be inconsistent or "flip-flopping" on the issues if you come back with a new spending plan based on the current situation. Now you are ripe for criticism that you are simply punishing the people who voted against the override. You don't gain any integrity by following through with the threats you made just before the override vote. You will gain the respect of the entire town if you go back and find a way in the current funding plan to keep teachers and programs that have made our school system second to none.

You will gain the respect of the community if you would show some understanding of money in general. Why are you considering firing the health coordinator who brought in \$190,000 in grants to the system last year (as reported by the health teachers at last week's School Committee meeting)? Why do you show no willingness to work with the music parents who wanted to collect donations and give them to the school

system to support instrumental lessons? How can you justify the activity fees and high costs of instrumental music lessons?

You have to do a better job of explaining to the community exactly what is in the school system budget. Explain that some of the costs of the new schools are actually in the town-wide plant and facilities budget. They are not line items in the school department budget. If people understand the details they might support your proposals or at least be able to work with you in a cooperative manner.

Finally, I found Tina Girdwood's letter of June 20 to be an immense denial of her responsibilities.

The override vote was about the school system budget. It was not worded in any way to force the town manager to shift money from another account into the school system. I agree with her suggestion that we should let town officials know where we want our money spent. The issue here and now for the School Committee and superintendent is how to spend what the town budget has given them in a way that keeps teachers in the classrooms.

Without a dramatic turnaround in state finances (meaning increased state aid to Andover) next year, the budget problems will only be worse. Is your only plan to ask for a \$3-million to \$5-million override next year? And if that fails, lay-off another 50 teachers? The people of Andover await your response.

Mark Goldstein
7 Fulton Road

LETTERS POLICY

THE *Townsman* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion.

Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Letters should be received by the *Townsman* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters.

THE THURSDAY FILE

What you don't do can be a destructive force.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.

LAO-TZU

The days come and go but they say nothing, and if we do not use the gifts they bring, they carry them as silently away.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

If my hands are fully occupied in holding on to something, I can neither give nor receive.

DOROTHEE SOLLE

The true leader serves. Serves people. Serves their best interests, and in so doing will not always be popular, may not always impress. But because true leaders are motivated by loving concern rather than a desire for personal glory, they are willing to pay the price.

EUGENE B. HABECKER

No man is so tall that he never need stretch, none so small that he never need stoop.

DANISH PROVERB

I'd like to have money. And I'd like to be a good writer. These two can come together, and I hope they will, but if that's too adorable, I'd rather have money.

DOROTHY PARKER

Many people lose their tempers merely from seeing you keep yours.

FRANK MOORE COLBY

The JFK quotation:

We must deal with the world as it is, not as it might have been if the history of the last 18 years had been different.

AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE, 1963

Best quotation sent:

When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hang on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE, 1811-1896

About "The Thursday File"

Steve MacDowall started the file two years and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

The Web site is www.hudsonvanloo.ca and suggests books to read and Web sites worth visiting, along with quotations worth noting.

Quotations from the most recent Thursday File, sent by e-mail last week, are available at right.

LETTERS

Column

Bring on the bullets, baby



Judy Wakefield

There I was, packing my own heat in the midst of last week's heat wave.

No joke. For the first time in my life, I shot three guns. I was gathering

information for a *Townsmen* story about the Andover Sportsmen's Club. When I got the offer to put an 'Andover housewife turns Calamity Jane while the kids are at summer camp' angle on a story, I just couldn't resist.

Bring on the bullets, baby, I thought, and my two new friends at the club did just that.

Under the strong supervision of club members Steve Cooper and Al Griffin, I packed some serious heat for my first time at the shooting range.

First up was a 22-caliber semi-automatic; then a 22-caliber revolver; then the 12-gauge shotgun.

I put the ear muffs and safety glasses on while my hands trembled and palms sweated. My body was super-tense. As instructed, I closed one eye, stayed focused on the red dot in the scope and held the gun very tightly. Al leaned over and released the safety. I pulled the trigger on that semi-automatic and thought, wow, that's it? The pop sound startled me but the kick back was more surprising. It was not as rough as I thought it would be - and, the smoke from the weapon was not overpowering.

Al and Steve were right. They said many women enjoy pistol shooting as a stress reliever. I did indeed put everything out of my mind to focus on the target. Shooters get caught up in the target and nothing else. While you can't put pictures of, say, Bin Laden or a difficult boss on the target sheet (it's against the law), you can envision whatever you want and



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Our reporter takes aim at a laser-lit target.

well, shoot, baby, shoot. Now, I truly understand the stress-relieving aspect of this sport.

My first shot actually hit "the official 25 yard slow fire pistol target" put out by the National Rifle Association.

Al helped me load another bullet and my second shot was even better. I hit the No. 9 on the target - and all shooters know that No. 10 is dead center. Not a bad second shot for this Calamity Jane wannabe.

Al loaded a few more bullets for the semi-automatic, which stocks nine bullets in much the same way that a Pez dispenser stocks its candy.

I shot a total of five times, hitting my target sheet four times. Then I switched to the 22-caliber revolver. It was heavier, had more smoke and loaded just six bullets at a time.

I didn't do as well with the revolver. Revolvers don't have scopes that you look into. There's no red dot. Rather, you look down the revolver barrel and set up your target between a tiny three-sided piece on the end. It was much more difficult to hit the target and certainly explains why a semi-automatic is the gun of choice for James Bond and other Hollywood gun-toters.

When we moved outdoors,

Al graciously let me use his personal shotgun. It's a wooden, brown, 12-gauge shotgun, personalized with a pigeon engraving. We were ready to shoot some trap.

Shotgun shooting is very different from pistol shooting. Positioning the butt end of the gun in your shoulder just right is important to pulling off a good shot. You also keep both eyes open for shotgun shooting.

A shotgun pulls back aggressively and I have the bruise to prove it. I only shot this gun twice, completely missing the trap both times. Watching Al shoot trap was much more interesting because he nailed every trap that sailed out of the machine.

I'm not buying a gun or joining the Sportsmen Club any time soon. Rather, I just enjoyed doing something different.

I'm filing this story in my Andover gem folder, which is my collection of off-beat stories about town.

Al and Steve, both of whom live in Andover, graciously gave me the run of their course for a few hours last week - and it wasn't a golf course.

Who would have thought an Andover housewife could fulfill a Calamity Jane fantasy in her hometown?

Sexual abuse leaves its mark; help needed for healing

Editor, *Townsmen*:

In the courtroom, I was there to see a 63 year-old citizen of the community stand before his accusers. I listened attentively as each of the 22 counts of child molestation - the molestation of many children from our community, that was reported to have occurred over the past eight years was read. His voice was quiet and humble, as he pled guilty on all counts. In shackles, wearing a prison uniform, with his head bowed low and accompanied by guards, he was lead out the back door to his jail cell. Within a few hours, he would be on his way to MCI Walpole. After serving his five years at MCI, he will be on probation for 10 years. He will then be a registered sex offender for life and can never be in the company of a child under 16 without supervision. That will bring him to 78 years old. His life as a free man was over, and his victims felt justice was served. I was moved to tears in the courtroom. One of the survivors put a comforting arm around me. It was two years from the time the abuse was reported to that day.

As part of their healing journey, the child and adult survivors in the above case turned their pain into a vital tool to help other survivors of sexual abuse. They worked with The Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimack Valley (TIP) to write "Jordan's Story." It is our hope that this book, which has Spanish text included, will help thousands of children and adults whose lives have been touched by inappropriate sexual touching.

Current statistics report 1 in 3 to 4 girls and 1 in 5 to 6 boys are sexually assaulted. Eighty five percent of assaults occur by someone the child knows and trusts. When children are sexual-

ly assaulted, usually by a trusted friend or family member, there are changes that can alter the course of their lives. Those changes can affect who they are and what they can become. Some ask: "What harm can a little touching here and there do? They are only kids." I share with you what I have seen to be true

over the past 25 years from my own healing journey as a date-rapist survivor and TIP counselor to others.

Children who were, or are, being sexually abused can inherit life-long issues regarding intimacy, trust, and a diminished sense of self-worth and self-value. Some survivors turn to alcohol, drugs, sex, overeating to help numb the pain. Some will try suicide or run away from home. Many may have a difficult time performing in school, which has life-long implications if their earning potential is diminished. Those who are unaware of the effects of sexual abuse are quick to judge suicidal individuals, drug abusers or prostitutes. They are labeled "losers" or "throw aways" if we fail to look beyond the behavior and into what could have been the cause.

Fortunately, many survivors will come in contact with the right person at the right time and this process of self-destruction can be avoided or halted. It could be an understanding parent, sensitive police officer, TIP volunteer, member of the clergy, trusted friend, caring teacher, supportive therapist, empathetic nurse or journalist. These helpers will understand that children can



TIP's new book

not give consent for inappropriate sexual touching; it is never their fault under any circumstance. The most important thing the helper will do is believe the survivor. This will help to validate that the abuse occurred, giving the survivor confidence to move forward. They will

protect the survivor by taking immediate steps to eliminate the potential for the abuse to occur again.

When survivors first face the truth, they begin to grieve. In time, they will begin to believe it was not their fault. If you are assisting a child, it is your responsibility to seek additional resources for help. Adult survivors who are now beginning to face the truth from past abuse, will need to accept responsibility for their healing journey. Facing the truth and taking responsibility for healing will lead to a decrease in the shame and guilt they have been carrying since the abuse first occurred. Acknowledging the truth should not be dictated by others, each person is ready in their own time. For many it may take years to face the truth, while others will not have the support or courage to overcome this monumental, life-altering event.

Jayan Landry Conlin
CEO/Executive Director
Trauma Intervention
Program of Merrimack Valley

The book is available for the price of printing and postage at \$4. Books may be obtained through Trauma Intervention Program 167 East St., Methuen.



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Judy Wakefield gets a bang out of her second shot at 25 yards, which just missed the heart of the bull's-eye.

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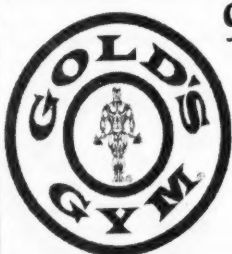
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The Abbot Well as seen from Andover Street. The town must fix a leak before the well can reopen to the public.

Well closed, leak needs fixing

■ ABBOT WELL

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director, says he's received phone calls from Tewksbury and North Andover residents concerned about the well shut-down.

The town tested the water weekly for safety and quality. Pollano estimates that residents drew an average of 80 gallons of water a day from the tap.

Fixing the well could be challenging. To repair or replace the piping probably means getting permission from the rail-

road to excavate beneath the tracks.

"If we have to involve the railroad, it will be more expensive," says Petkus. "Right now, I have no idea how much it's going to cost." He is optimistic that the well will not be closed permanently.

Martin, who says the fluoride-free water makes his coffee tastes better, hopes he's right. He swung by the well on Monday hoping to catch the water flowing and fill a few gallons to bring water to his family's New

Hampshire vacation spot.

He's often seen bikers and runners stop to turn the spigot for a quick drink, and says enough residents line up at the tap to fill their own bottles that he occasionally has to wait his turn.

Everyone may have to wait until September, which is when Pollano is hoping the well will be up and running again. The town will run ads in the local newspapers when the well is working, to alert residents, he adds.

Locals work on concert to benefit Archives

Well-known Boston baritone Robert Honeysucker will sing Old American Songs by Aaron Copland when the Boston Landmarks Orchestra visits Lawrence on Sunday, July 21.

"We are delighted to be partnering with the Boston Landmarks Orchestra," said Kathy Rodger, president of the board of directors of the Lawrence History Center: Immigrant City Archives and Museum. "The Archives was founded in 1978 by Eartha Dengler, then an Andover resident, to preserve the history of Lawrence.

Charles Ansbacher founded the Boston Landmarks Orchestra to bring classical music to peo-



Andover residents Chris Young (left) and Kathy Rodger.

ple in the summer and to celebrate Boston's historical and landmark buildings."

Ansbacher will conduct the orchestra when it performs an All-American concert of the music of Gershwin and Copland at Holy Rosary Church, corner of Union and Essex streets, Lawrence on July 21 at 6 p.m. Admission to the concert is free.

Guests are invited, at \$35 each, to a reception to meet Conductor Ansbacher before the concert at 4:30 p.m. in the courtyard of Lawrence History Center, 6 Essex St., Lawrence, across from the Church. Information is available at the Center at 978-686-9230.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago

Anyone desiring to do summer work in music will be welcome in Miss Torrey's vacation class, where attention is given to hand and finger gymnastics, as taught by (the) Virgil Clavier method. Particulars can be had at 4 Florence St.

Gooseberries! Whew!! As big as strawberries, in fact so big that half a dozen make a big handful and actually weigh 2½ ounces to the half dozen. This is the gooseberry record at the garden of RK Cole on Elm Street. Can anybody match it?

75 Years Ago

A small building to house a store for the sale of tonics, ice cream, frankfurts, and other articles almost indispensable to the patrons of the bathing beach will shortly be erected at Pomp's Pond.

Br'er Rabbit extends a cordial invitation to members of the Natural History Society, and other friends to come to his home at Rabbit's Pond on Tues-

day, July 15, at 4:30. Owing to lack of rain, his crops are a failure, so it will be necessary for his guests to bring their own luncheon.

50 Years Ago

Board 62 of Andover sent two young men for induction Monday to the army base at Boston.

George F. Pierce, 86 Sutton St., North Andover, and Albert R. Retelle of River Rd., Andover, both unmarried, left Monday after receiving instructions from Joseph A. Horan, secretary of the local board, and Miss Isabel S. Antonacci, acting clerk.

The annual outing for hospitalized veterans from the Bedford hospitals sponsored by the Gray Ladies of the local Red Cross chapter, was held recently at the Log Cabin at Phillips academy.

25 Years Ago

New home construction topped the million-dollar mark for the month of June, as build-

ing inspector Arthur Peatman issued (building) permits for a total of \$1,236,000. Total for all construction authorized by the building department last month was \$1,926,514, with \$5,591 collected in fees.

10 Years Ago

The much-discussed and oft-delayed Elm Square reconstruction project may be on its way at last: The state Department of Public Works opened bids on the project June 29, and accepted a low bid of \$187,900.

Reynolds Brothers Inc.-/Reynolds Equipment Corp. of Canton was the low bidder among eight companies that submitted bids, according to William Pizzano, director of public relations for the Massachusetts Department of Public Works.

Town Manager Kenneth Mahony said this week he expects the work to begin Aug. 22.

— Compiled by Evan Greer, Townsman intern

OBITUARIES

Charles S. Barron

Local businessman was a longtime resident

Charles S. Barron, 70, of Andover, died Monday, July 8, at his home.

Born in Lawrence, he was a longtime resident of Andover and Seabrook Beach, N.H.



Charles S. Barron

Mr. Barron was a graduate of Pynchard High School and served with the US Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He owned and operated Barron Oil Co. in North Andover and most recently owned and operated Barron's Country Store in Andover prior to retiring five years ago.

Mr. Barron was an avid golfer and a former member of Indian Ridge Country Club and Andover Country Club.

Members of his family include his wife of 45 years, Shirley A. (Belisle) Barron; a daughter, Brenda L. and her husband Paul A. Himmer of

Andover; a son, Douglas C. Barron and his wife, Juli Barron, of Andover, grandchildren, Jillian and Jacqueline Himmer and Leanne and Brooke Barron, all of Andover; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, July 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. and today, Thursday, July 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday, July 12 at 11 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Haggetts Pond Road, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Seacost Hospice, 10 Hampton Road, Exeter, NH 03833; or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Attn: Memorial Dept., 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Elsie E. McArdle

Avid golfer, bowler; was active at Senior Center

Elsie E. McArdle of Andover died Wednesday, July 3, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Lawrence, she graduated from St. Mary's High School and McIntosh Business

School.

She was a secretary at Ayer Mill, Bolta and Reid Meredith.

She attended St. Augustine Church. She was a member of Andover Country Club for 45 years and was an avid golfer. She participated in local bowling leagues and was active at the Andover Senior Center.

Members of her family include a sister, Barbara, wife of John Connors; a niece, Mary Ann Connors-Krikorian and a grandniece, Beth Krikorian, all of Londonderry, N.H.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

George P. Thomson

Worked at Glennies Dairy, Lanam Club

George P. Thomson, 88, of Andover, died Saturday, June 29 at Wingate at Andover.

Mr. Thomson was employed by Glennies Dairy in North Andover until his retirement in 1979. He later worked at the Lanam Club in Andover.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Lodge in Andover, Scottish Rites of Lawrence, Lowell & Boston, and the Alepo Temple.

He attended Free Christian Church in Andover.

He was the widower of Thelma M. (Bennett) Thomson.

DEATHS

Charles S. Barron, 70
Rita F. Chenard, 83
Mary L. Joos, 93
Clementine Lambert, 91
Carmela A. Santantonio, 93
George P. Thomson, 88
George W. York Jr., 77
Philip "Phil" Weisberg, 84

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

CHENARD — Rita F. (Garon) Chenard, 83, of North Andover, died Wednesday, July 3 at Sutton Hill Nursing and Retirement Center. Mrs. Chenard retired as an assembler from Raytheon Co. in Andover.

JOOS — Mary L. (Dykens) Joos, 93, formerly of Methuen, died Tuesday, July 2 at Sutton Hill Nursing and Retirement Center in North Andover. Mrs. Joos was a tax examiner at the Internal Revenue Service of Andover before she retired.

LAMBERT — Clementine "Peg" (Dawson) Lambert, 91, of North Andover, died Monday, July 1 at Prescott House Nursing Home. Mrs. Lambert was manager of the woman's department at McCartney's Clothing

Store in Andover for several years.

WEISBERG — Philip "Phil" Weisberg, 84, of North Andover and formerly of Chelsea, Lynn and Marblehead, died Tuesday, July 2, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston. Members of his family include his daughter, Nancy E. Bagnall and her husband, Dr. Kevin Bagnall, and grandsons, Matthew and Daniel Bagnall, all of Andover.

YORK — George W. York Jr., 77, of Methuen died Monday, July 8 at Lawrence General Hospital. Members of his family include grandchildren, Susan Smith, and her husband, Jeffrey, of Andover, and Andover Townsman reporter Ben Hellman.

Carmela A. Santantonio

Homemaker enjoyed six great-grandchildren

Carmela A. (Iannalfo) Santantonio, 93, of Methuen, died Monday, July 8 at the Wingate at Andover Nursing Home.

She was born and educated in Italy. She was a member of Holy Rosary Church.

Mrs. Santantonio enjoyed sewing, gardening and especially being with her great-grandchildren.

She was a homemaker. She also worked for Grieco Brothers as a stitcher until her retirement.

She was the widow of Modesto Santantonio.

Members of her family include four brothers, Amedeo and Armando Iannalfo, both of Methuen, and two brothers from Roccamonfina, Italy; a sister, Evelina Mollica of Methuen, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Dario and Adelmo Santantonio.

Calling hours were scheduled

for Wednesday, July 10 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

A funeral Mass will be said today, Thursday, July 11 at 9 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Mausoleum in Lawrence.

OBITUARIES

The Townsman will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

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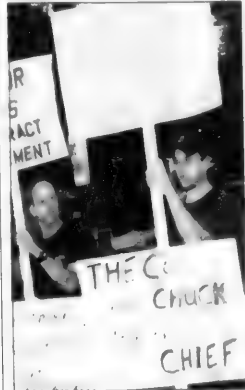
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Townspeople

TOWN TALK

Better me than you

Life hasn't been easy lately for either Superintendent of Schools Claudia Bach or Fire Chief Chuck Murnane. But who has it worse?



Chucked? — Firefighters picketed Andover's fireworks display Wednesday, July 3, protesting their stalled contract negotiations.

Well, as Murnane left a closed-door meeting on the controversial firefighters contract Monday, he ran into Bach, who was leaving a closed-door meeting about the new schools that might not open on time.

Said Murnane: "I'd still rather be in my shoes than yours."

— Neil Fater

Cheap labor

Nick DiRosario is only four days on the job — but he already knows who to stay away from in town.

He's the new management intern at the town manager's office, wrapping up his master's degree in public administration from the University of New Hampshire. He'll be working at Town Offices for the next six to nine months.

"He'll participate in the budget preparation and the (Capital Improvement Plan)," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"And wash my car, too," adds Selectman Ted Teichert.

— Rebecca Piro

Ghostly guests

Young Alicia Quesada, the great niece of Blue Cow owner Nea Ahern, just might make a reporter some day.

When she found out that Sammy Leslie — who runs the estate where Paul McCartney had his wedding — lives in a castle, she got out some paper to take notes and asked "Is your castle haunted?"

"All good castles are haunted," said the colorful Leslie. "There's quite a lot of ghosts at the house, but they're all very friendly."

Leslie told the story of one ghost in particular, that of Norman Leslie, who inherited the Leslie estate in 1906.

Back in 1914, he went to fight in France during World War I.

On Oct. 18, 1914, he was seen near the estate's lake and around the house by the staff. They laid a place for him at the dinner table, but he never returned to eat.

Several days later, the Leslies received a letter. Norman Leslie had been shot by snipers on the morning of Oct. 18.

Sammy Leslie says her ancestor's bedroom was locked and left unchanged. "He's seen around occasionally," checking on things, she says.

— Neil Fater

Making seniors at home

Selectman Mary Lyman is going above and beyond the call of duty, as far as her role in the search for a new senior center goes.

Lyman serves as the selectmen's liaison to the Senior Center Committee, a group researching possible sites for a new, larger facility for seniors.

Because the committee is still far from choosing the best of three potential sites — building in west Andover near the proposed youth center; renovating the foreclosed-upon 16 Haverhill St. building; or expanding the existing Bartlet Street site — Lyman on Monday couldn't give selectmen a timeline for the project. Frustrated, but in good humor, she suggested pitching the whole project — and sticking the seniors in her own home instead.

"We'll be having the senior center at 50 School St., and everything will be under control!" Lyman announced tiredly to the audience at Monday night's selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Ray Hender is apparently willing to give the idea a whirl. "It's a nice neighborhood," he offered.

Selectmen are hoping the group will recommend a site by January, so they can write a warrant article asking Town Meeting for design money by April.

— Rebecca Piro

'Bob Mac' Classic to tee off

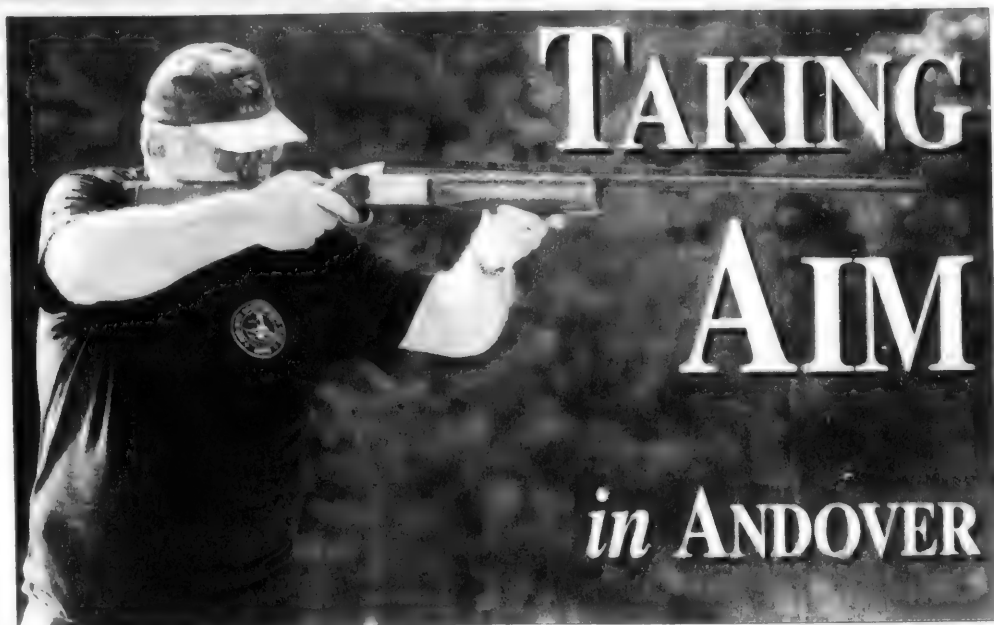
The "Bob Mac" Classic will take place Monday, July 29, at Sterling Country Club in Sterling, Mass.

The tourney raises money for the Robert McIntyre Scholarship Foundation, which helps send needy high school athletes to summer camps. Bob McIntyre was a teacher and coach in Andover in the '50s, and moved on to Melrose, where he retired in 1986.

Registration is at 8 a.m., shotgun tee off at 9. Cost is \$135. Organizers say they are taking any interested golfers. For more info, contact Keith McIntyre at 978-683-7949, or e-mail <swillsy@aol.com>.



Becky Agostino, Liz Cremlin, Katharine Matsumoto and Katie Morris of the Andover Hoppers joined 600 jumpers from 67 teams across the country June 21-23 in Orlando, Fla. to compete in the US Amateur Jump Rope Federation's National Competition. The team of four came in 16th in the 4X30 Single Rope Speed Relay. Later that day, the girls came in fifth in the country in Double Dutch Pairs Speed. The Hoppers plan to teach a rope-skipping class next year; consult the DCS fall catalog for details, they said.



Al Griffin of Andover, a former president of the Andover Sportsmen's Club, demonstrates skeet-shooting technique.

Sportsmen are plentiful roving the local range

By Judy Wakefield

ANDOVER MAY BE A town more commonly connected with Range Rovers, but there's a slew of rangers roving around.

They are local sportsmen carrying on a proud 68-year-old tradition that thrives on fishing, target shooting and archery. Located on the outskirts of town is the Andover Sportsmen's Club, a little-known slice of Andover life.

"When the parents come to drop their kids for scout meetings here, they all say the same thing — 'I had no idea you were here,'" said Al Griffin of Andover, a former club president who retired from Raytheon three months ago. "Then, they all look forward to coming back."

Set on 56 wooded acres in Harold Parker State Forest in North Andover, Griffin and club member Steve Cooper of Andover, who trains ground crews at Logan Airport by day and enjoys a sportsman's lifestyle after work, recently gave a tour of the grounds. They talked about the longevity of the club, which is technically located just over the Andover town line, off a very woodsy section of Salem Street.

"We're growing," said Cooper. "And it's women and some of the kids who meet us from Scouts and Explorers that are seeing what fun it is around here."

"Yeah, the idea that a sportsmen's club is only for grumpy old men is gone," chuckled Griffin, noting that one of the top target shooters on the club's pistol team is a woman.

In fact, this club sports two teams for the Merrimack Valley Pistol League and a wall in the club's lodge is devoted to their accomplishments.

Shooters can practice in a state-of-the-art pistol range located in the basement of the club's lodge. It has eight shooting courts and lets shooters practice at ranges up to 50 feet. Only small-caliber rifles and guns — 22- to 45-calibers — are used here.

"This is one of the most modern ranges north of Boston," said Griffin. "This has



Dead center — Andover Sportsmen's Club member Steve Cooper on the archery course.



Andover Sportsmen — Steve Cooper and Al Griffin, both of Andover, in front of the lodge fireplace.

a state-of-the-art air filtration system that takes care of the smoke (from the gun) right away."

The outdoor rifle range helps shooters hit targets up to 100 feet away. This range features man-made berms that help keep ricochets to a minimum.

Add to that the trap-shooting range and an 18-

hole archery course and this is truly a National Rifle Association member's paradise.

"Come by on a Sunday morning, and guys will be having breakfast in the lodge and then they shoot trap starting at 9 a.m.," said Griffin.

"We're courteous to the neighbors and no shooting is allowed before 9 a.m.,"

"Isn't it fun out here?"

AL GRIFFIN
OF THE ANDOVER
SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
NEAR SALEM STREET

Cooper added

"Trap" are small fluorescent green discs that are easy-to-see against the woods's background. Griffin easily hits the target with rapid-fire style when he demonstrates using his polished, brown, 12-gauge shotgun, which is engraved with the image of a pigeon. It cost about \$1,500.

Cooper sets up his camouflage bow and hits his target dead center while demonstrating at the archery course.

It's an 18-hole course that takes over an hour to walk during the season. Built in 1997, it is currently undergoing another makeover for its simulated animals.

"Isn't it fun out here?" Griffin asks after the demonstrations.

On the stroll back to the lodge, the men say other rules of the club include no firearms on the archery course, no alcohol anywhere, and no hunting. Imitation may rule outdoors, but inside the lodge it's definitely the real McCoy.

Founded by a group of sportsmen from Andover, many of the club's founding fathers have died. They often leave their most prized possessions — animals they shot elsewhere during hunting season — to the club. There is a stuffed boar, a good-size bearskin and, of course, deer heads, decorating the walls around the fireplace.

Local Scouts love to check out this wall scenery, and more and more of them are doing so. When South School in Andover announced that Cub Scouts would not be able to meet at the school anymore, it was the Andover Sportsmen's Club that stepped in to save the pack.

"Someone called saying they needed a place to meet and we were happy to host them," Griffin said.

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Andover Sportsmen's Club at a glance:

- Founded in 1934
- 800 members
- Located on 56 acres in Harold Parker State Forest
- Has hosted annual fishing derby since 1949
- Youth groups (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Young Explorers) use the lodge for meetings
- Shooting range used by six local police departments (including Andover), the Massachusetts State Police and federal officers, including a SWAT team
- Sponsors two teams in the Merrimack Valley Pistol League
- Annually awards four \$500 scholarships to high-schoolers from Andover and North Andover
- Trap range & archery course open to the public, Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.



No thanks, I'm stuffed — A coyote is one of the many animals donated to the club.



Boared game — This bristly boar's head graces the walls of the lodge.



A blindfolded Olivia Szendey gets a little orientation help from DCS staffer Ashley Faulk (at left) during a lively game of Pin the Tail on the Donkey, part of the July 4th celebration in the Park.

Sportsmen

■ TAKING AIM IN ANDOVER
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Boys Scouts also meet here along with the Explorers, a junior sportsmen club for ages 18 to 21. Cooper is the adviser for that group and said shooting is not allowed on the premises when Scouts are around.

The club's annual fishing derby, held every year since 1949, is also popular among local kids. Members spend about \$2,000 putting on the event, making sure the trout supply is well-stocked.

It's no fish tale that this sacred slice of prime development land will forever remain the hot spot for local sportsmen.

Cooper said a golf-course developer called a few years back looking to buy the land and a few home builders have also approached the club over the years.

"No way," is the club's response to selling.

SPARKLERS



Fireworks burst over Andover skies last week.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Next Wednesday, July 17, at 7 p.m., the Friends of Memorial Hall Library will present Steinbeck fellow and Andover native **Katie Rodger**, who will present an overview of author John Steinbeck's life through slides and discussion. Her work in California on Steinbeck and Edward Ricketts led to the book she published, *The Renaissance Man of Cannery Row: The Life and Letters of Edward F. Ricketts*.

Her photo exhibit, which will be on display for the month of July at Memorial Hall Library, was sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. All photos are from the collection of more than 1,600 housed at the Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies at San Jose State University. The exhibit has traveled across the country and Canada as part of a year-long Steinbeck Centennial. For more information, contact **Norma Gammon** at 978-623-8401, Ext. 49; or ngammon@mhl.org.

What do old photos tell us about an event, place, or person from the past? The Andover Historical Society is offering a "History and Crafts Workshop" exploring historic photographs for 10- to 14-year-olds Tuesday, July 16 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Amos Blanchard House, 97 Main St. Children will become "history detectives" as they peer through these "old windows to the past" to learn more about the people and places of yesteryear. In this workshop, participants will "read" old pictures and postcards, and then create a personal photo collage that tells their own story. The fee is \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members. Call 978-475-2236.



Katie Rodger

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Garden & Lunch Tour: On Tuesday, Aug. 6 we will travel to Salisbury to enjoy the beautiful backyard garden of Carol Gura, which has been selected as a national tour garden. Lunch will follow at Stripes Restaurant, also in Salisbury, where our meal choices will be Chicken Essex or London Broil. Cost of the trip, including bus, is just \$28, and reservations may be made by stopping into the center. Rain date will be the following day.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, July 22 at 1 p.m. we'll show the video *Mr. Write* starring Paul Reiser. At long last, Charlie (played by Reiser) has found his Ms. Right. The only catch - making her agree. High energy romantic comedy. Come in out of the heat and join us. All welcome - no charge.

Lobster and Chicken

Bake: Tickets are currently available for our lobster and chicken bake, which will be held Saturday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. Menu will consist of lobster and chicken with all the fixins, followed by great entertainment with the Gentlemen Songsters barbershop quartet. Get some friends together and plan to join us for an enjoyable evening out. Advance ticket purchase (\$15) only; no tickets at the door.

Newcomers' Coffee Hour: If you or a family member is recently retired, new to Andover, or have been wondering what the senior center has to offer, we invite you to join us at our next newcomers' coffee hour, which will be held Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 9:30 a.m. Stop by, meet the staff, and find out about the many opportunities that are available through the center.

Spirituality Series: Our popular summer spirituality series "Food For Body & Soul" will continue Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will

be Andover resident Jane Gossard, who will share her own journey, "Finding Your Spiritual Power: One Woman's Story." Gossard is an accomplished storyteller, having performed at Brother Blue's in Cambridge and at the Andover Bookstore, as well as area festivals. The presentation will be followed by a light supper. Advance reservations (\$3) are necessary, so that we may plan our food needs.

Pain Management For Chronic Conditions Class: Developed by Stanford University's School of Medicine, this special program teaches people age 40 and older to cope with the symptoms and frustrations of living with a chronic condition. The class will run for six consecutive Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 at a cost of \$30. Sessions will be led by Deborah Malone, RN and Rachel Zalvan, MSW. Enrollment is limited, and registration is available only through the senior center.

Lunch Bunch Trip: Our next lunch bunch trip will find us trying out the Midwest Grill in Cambridge on Wednesday, July 17. This all-you-can-eat buffet features a wide array of selections and has received endorsements from Boston newspapers, *Chronicle* and the *Phantom Gourmet*, among others. Cost of the trip, including bus, is \$33.

Exercise Classes: Many of our summer exercise classes still have space, so it's not too late to join in. We offer classes in men's exercise, senior modified yoga, low-impact aerobics, strength training, water workout and tai chi. Stop by the center for specific information on scheduled times and cost.

Blood Pressure Clinic: The center offers free blood pressure clinics every Wednesday afternoon beginning at 2 with nurses from the Andover Health Department. Appointments are not necessary; it's on a first-come, first-served basis.

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MacGillivray says that the person who wants to come to counseling can feel powerless. However, he says that one person doing therapy is likely to change the dynamics of the marriage. "Marriage is a living, breathing thing. The quality of the relationship is what each brings to it. Those pieces that haven't been resolved in each of us get played out in relationships. When we do work on inner issues, that will shift some of the behaviors in the relationship. People can make changes in what they experience and can learn

to behave and respond differently to things that happen in a way that works better for them. A lot of behavior is habitual - done without awareness. The questions for awareness are 'what and how.' What are you doing that's not working for you and how are you doing that? What follows? What is the consequence (everything has a consequence - nothing's for nothing)? And what does work and how do you do that? My job is to get you to think about yourself in ways you haven't thought before.

Increased self awareness helps people make changes in problem-solving strategies," he has said. "When I'm asked, 'Why should I be the one who has to change?' I respond, 'For your sake - so that you have choices and feel more in charge of yourself, less dependent, and with less a sense of powerlessness.'" Donald MacGillivray's office is located at 10 High St., Andover, and his telephone number is 978-470-1555. He sees clients on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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Education

ON CAMPUS

Courtney Gatlin of Andover, a 2002 graduate of Andover High School, has been awarded the Academic and Community Enrichment Scholarship in the amount of \$8,500 from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa.



Maria Savoca

Maria Savoca of Andover was accepted to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED), taking place July 14-23 in San Francisco, Calif.

NYLF/MED is a career development program for high school students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and an interest in medicine.

Savoca, who will be a junior at Andover High in the fall, will join approximately 350 other high school students from around the country next week.

Throughout the 10-day Forum, NYLF/MED will introduce Savoca to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice, including site visits to medical facilities and clinics. Students will engage in a problem-based learning simulation, an educational method where they are presented with a fictional patient's case history and must diagnose and develop a treatment plan for the patient.

In addition to site visits to cutting-edge medical schools and clinical facilities, Savoca will hear from and have the opportunity to interact with leaders within the medical field. Students have up-close personal contact with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists and medical educators as they go behind the scenes to view these professionals at work.

Savoca lives at 181 High Plain Road with her parents, Ronald and Diane Savoca. Her brother, Joseph, 14, will be a freshman at AHS in the fall.



Christina Hung

Christina Hung, a ninth-grade student at Phillips Academy will attend Interlochen Arts Camp, said to be

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Searchers sought

Bach seeks input on her assistant's hiring

By Ben Hellman

RESIDENTS interested in participating in the search for a new assistant superintendent should contact Superintendent Claudia Bach immediately.

Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath is leaving the system to assume the superintendent position at the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. This is McGrath's final week working in Andover.

Advertisements have been placed in *Teachers Weekly* and *The Boston Globe*. The application deadline for the position is Aug. 1.

A search committee consisting of teachers, principals, parents and residents will be finalized this week. A screening committee will identify candidates and a subgroup of that committee will later form the interview committee. The interview committee will narrow down as many as 12 candidates to three finalists. The



Claudia Bach

interviews are not done publicly, but the community is welcome to take part by contacting Bach. The final decision on the new hire will be made by the School Committee.

The School Committee might not take part in the selection process until three finalists are selected, said Chairwoman Tina Girdwood.

Girdwood said she had just become a committee member seven years ago when McGrath was hired and didn't take part in that process.

The role of the assistant superintendent is "very specific," said Bach. The position deals with curriculum, curriculum instruction, job assessment and professional development. "Her (Marinel McGrath's) job is very typical," she said. Looking in *Education Weekly* would yield similar job descriptions for assistant superintendents across the country, according to Bach.

Bach expects to have a new assistant superintendent start during September or October, though having someone available in August would be "lucky."

"Very likely school will have already begun" before the new assistant superintendent begins his or her work here, she said.



This is how the new main entrance to the Greater Lawrence Technical School looked on July 1.

Almost halfway for Tech School

By Ben Hellman

THE \$51 MILLION construction project that the Greater Lawrence Technical School is undergoing is 46 percent complete. The school is adding 91,000 square feet to its already 263,000 square foot campus and reconfiguring its departments. The school says the project should make the school more accessible to the public while improving security and education of students. The school is getting "a whole new facelift," according to Superintendent Frank Vacirca.

School departments and programs that service the community are being moved to the front of the building to improve access and limit visitors to areas of the school that are open to the public. Some departments being moved and revamped include culinary arts, cosmetology, auto body and automotive. Vacirca

"We must move into that space for August."

FRANK VACIRCA,
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says these improvements will make the school "truly a community/corporate resource."

The state is covering 86.5 percent of the project's cost and the schools constituent communities, Andover, North Andover, Lawrence and Methuen, are covering the rest. The amount a town pays is prorated according to the enrollment level of students from that town. Andover is low on that list. Lawrence and Methuen have the highest enrollments.

The project celebrated its one-year anniversary in May and is scheduled to continue for two

more years. "This summer is critical," said Vacirca. The school is scheduled to move into its new areas in August. "We must move into that space for August," said Vacirca.

The move must happen to have the school ready for the fall opening. Vacirca says he is confident the move will happen in time.

In addition to a new science and technology wing, the school is redoing its pool, gym and sub-varsity gym areas.

The 150-seat dining room will be able to be rented for functions. The building will also be compliant with the American Disabilities Act.

Vacirca says that he's worked closely with Andover building inspector Kaija Gilmore and the fire department, town manager and town officials.

"They've been terrific, terrific neighbors," said Vacirca.

"It was almost an autocratic rule. That changed dramatically in the '70s."

BILL KOLBE, AHS CLASS OF 1969 AND AHS SPANISH TEACHER ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIS EXPERIENCES IN HIGH SCHOOL AND THOSE OF STUDENTS TODAY

Then versus Now: When Andover students become Andover teachers

By Ben Hellman

This story is the first in a series of occasional stories of Andover students who went on to become teachers in the Andover school system.

BILL KOLBE PLAYED GOLF LAST WEEK with his former Andover High School golf coach, and against his former math teacher and former guidance counselor. The men are his colleagues now.

A member of the AHS class of 1969, Kolbe is now an Andover High School Spanish teacher. He is one of several dozen former Andover students who are teaching now in the Andover school system.

Kolbe spent three years at Andover High School and was a member of the first class to use the new high school. Kolbe's class was also the last to have a dress code. The boys had short hair and wore a tie, the girls wore skirts that didn't rise above the knee.

Kolbe found his way back to Andover High School after spending seven years in the Peace Corps in the South Pacific and in Central America. In 1980 he responded to an "emergency opening for a Spanish teacher" at Andover High, after having spent four years in El Salvador.

Kolbe described himself and his return to Andover as being as "circutous as a salmon."

Kolbe wasn't thinking about teaching Spanish while in high school; in fact, he didn't even study it. Spanish didn't have the influence in the '60s that it does now, he says. Kolbe studied French in high school and found himself in a pre-med/microbiology track at UMass Amherst, where he attended college.

In his senior year of college Kolbe fell in with the Latin community. The music and warmth of the culture, "just the rhythm," he says, drew him in. He joined the Peace Corps and wound up teaching in El Salvador at the National School of Agriculture. The school raised its own food. There, Kolbe devised a curriculum, raised and harvested tilapia, a hardy freshwater fish, warming the school's diet as well as its course of study.

Kolbe remembers his high-school years well, including his former physical education teacher Joe Dorsey. Every Monday he inspected students' phys ed uniforms.

"He was a former Marine boot camp leader," said Kolbe. "Inspection was very serious."

His yellow T-shirt and blue shorts had to be clean and pressed each week. The men wore athletic supporters. Kolbe and Dorsey would line up like a platoon and Dorsey would check the students. They were wearing their jockstraps. "You had to pull on the strap," said Kolbe. Phys ed in general was regimented and it was tough. "It was a very rigorous phys ed training," said Kolbe.

When Kolbe looks back at his high-school experience, he compares it to that of his students, what strikes him the most is the difference in teaching philosophies. "It was almost an autocratic rule. That changed dramatically in the '70s," he said. He said that teaching methods are more "transactional versus transformational." "Kids have more freedoms. In general, they work more."



Bill Kolbe of Andover in the 1970s (at top) and above, with son Will, in 2000.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Doherty students named to honor roll for final term

Doherty Middle School has named the following students to the honor roll for the third trimester:

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Jeffrey Bakkenen
Michael Baldwin
Connor Beatty
Mark Begley
Michael Besser
Emily Birecki
Amy Boxell
Sara Boxell
Emily Brenner
Sarah Buka
Alexandra Caffrey
Jocelyn Chang
Debbie Cheng
Patricia Collins
Alana Cuneo
Michael D'Angelo
Seth Davidovits
Michael Devine
Eric Donahue
Tyler Fitzpatrick
Christina Freccero
Leigh Frens
Michael Galaburda
Kira Gendlerman
Theodora Givens
Laura Goldshein
Emma Haak
Courtney Hamer
Kerry Hill
Eric Hinds
Marie Huntley
Julian Jacobson
Anna Johnson
Seth Johnson
Jillian Kenney
Philip Kim
Tiffany Kim
Simona Lang
Alyssa Lau
Maria Lehtarova
Michael Li
Danielle Liffmann
Melanie Lin
Rachel Lindmark
Sarah Linnemann
Julia Littlefield
Kate Lundquist
Lauren Marsh
Alexander McCargar
Shauna McManus
Casey Mitrano

Matthew Moura
Christine Nigh
Michael Norton
Benjamin Ossoff
Emily Pallotta
Christopher Palmieri
Anthony Palumbo
John Penny
Adam Percy
Matthew Pescatore
Lindsay Popper
Jessica Prencipe
Mane Provencher
Laura Radlinski
Jessica Ragno
Sean Riley
Joanna Salini
Daniel Sarno
Richard Sawyer
Jeremy Selwyn
Jai Sim
Lorna Song
Thomas Tassman
Jared Taylor
Kate Therikelsen
Jaclyn Todisco
J. Patrick Tonelli
Alicia Torrisi
Amanda Trerotola
Susanna Valleau
Julian Vastl
Julie Wadland
Jennifer Wang
Tiffany Wang
Jason Westgate
Tarek Zaiti
Elizabeth Zigmont
Caider Zwerning

HONORS

Devin Alshin
Kristen Alpert
Michael Ancello
David Baglio
Ashley Baldwin
Leslie Barber
Ryan Beechinor
Matthew Biles
Steven Brickman
Gregory Carroll
Eric Champion
Rebecca Christoforo
Matthew Colombo
Evan Cooke
Kristin Costagliola
Jayme Day
Elizabeth Errico
Stephanie Feeney
Gregory Finger
Christopher Forsythe

Hannah French
Mason Fried
Xavier Gath
Anna Gikow
Jennifer Hagopian
Amy Hanes
Kristina Henry
Molly Hudkins
Mary Kate Jurek
Devin Kelly
Risa Kent
Michael Lamagna
Meredith Levenson
Michael Lipi II
Jennifer Luber
Taylor Martel
Katherine McKelliget
Michael McKenzie
Caitlin Milley
Michael Monaco
Lindsay Moramarco
Bryan O'Connor
Yuya Oshima
Alexander Perry
Brittany Pierce
Mark Rauseo
Christine Richardson
Caitlin Rivet
Claire Russell
Anastasia Scott
Anand Sridhar
Amanda VanSchalkwijk
Dean Voyer
Gregory Wilbur

Grade 7

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Kristen Aleksa
Erik Anson
Heather Arvidson
Shulamit Bel
Maxwell Besen
Kristina Black
Emily Bondaruk
Andrea Boshar
Morgan Broccoli
Michael Burbank
Ryan Burke
Hilda Buss
Christina Cahill
Kimberly Carey
Amanda Carrington
Brennan Casey
Connie Cheng
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John Hamilton
Douglas Hawkins
Katherine Hoople
Colin Hopkins
Andrew Hoyt
Jacqueline Hung
Gregory James
Taylor James
Emma Kieckhafer
James Krendel-Clark
Thomas Ladeau
Kara Lamo
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Alan Lu
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Caroline O'Malley
Samantha Ory
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Claire Shapiro
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Zachary Starkweather
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Daniel Bagnall
Nathan Baker
Christopher Bell
Hayley Besser
Cassandra Britton
Jesse Carroll
Joseph Cartolano
Margaret Cosgrove
Eric Cox
Emily Dodge
Margaret Doherty
Jillian Dunn
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Lucia Fiorenza
Jaclyn Forster
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Joel Israel
Casey Jaroch
Ryan Jimenez
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Lauren Keefe
Patrick Keohane
Kevin Kobler
Caroline Koch
Jared Kuipers
Rosita Maeks-Anderson
Jeffrey Martin

Kevin McCarron
Daniel McDermitt
Nicholas Milley
Samantha Monson
Gregory Moore
Kelsey Moran
Allison Navarro
Kevin O'Donnell
Molly Ozimek-Maier
Lauren Panichelli
Justin Papez
Daniel Powers
William Rauseo
Stephen Rine
Rebecca Robichaud
Callen Rockwell
Andrew Salerno
Timothy Schadlick
Kevin Schwing
Brett Silverstein
Peter Smith
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Diana Spang
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McKenzie Trainor
Matthew Villanueva
Christine Vispoli
Zachary Zemlin

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Hans Bardenheuer
Emily Barker
Kurt Berthiaume
Sophia Brower
Robert Buka
Mary Burke
Chelsea Canepa
Jonliars Carlson
Evan Carter
Derek Cerchione
Clara Chekanov
Yilan Chen
Eric Chu
Ellen Cody
Lauren Colby
Kyle Conlon
Gregory Cook
Matthew Cranney
Deana D'Ambrosio
Aaron Davidovits
Justin DeFrancisco
Thomas Demers
Corey Desjardins
Paul Dimitruk

Michael Donelan
Kevin Drew
Julianna Dugan
Veda Eswarappa
Matthew Fisch
Alyssa Geary
Devin Geary
Virginia Gibson
Jesse Goldman
Sarah Gordon
Hannah Gravius
Katelyn Greeley
Hannah Hastings
Hallie Hauer
Hannah Hoerner
Brendan Hughes
Margaret Hughes
Joshua Jacobs
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Victoria Lee
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Daniel Papa
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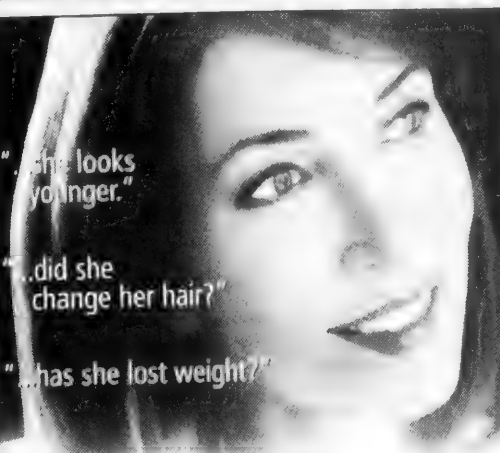
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Aimee Ferry, a 1998 graduate of Andover High School, has received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Plymouth State College in Plymouth, N.H.



Aimee Ferry

Ferry graduated with a concentration in marketing and communications. She also attained high honors and has accepted membership in Delta Mu Delta, a

national scholastic honor society for collegiate business management programs.

While at Plymouth State, Ferry was vice president of the Marketing Association and an avid snowboarder.

Recently, she accepted a management-training position in a large multinational corporation. She is the daughter of Fern and George Ferry of Windham, N.H.

Liana M. Gordon, a senior at William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y., was recently elected into Lambda Pi Eta.

Lambda Pi Eta is represented at Hobart and William Smith by the Nu Omega chapter.

Lambda Pi Eta is the Honor Society of the National Communications Association.

Gordon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gordon of Andover.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute has announced that Eryn J. Samuels, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Wayne T. Samuels of Andover, has been selected as a Charles O. Thompson Scholar, an honors designation for outstanding first-year students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The designation is named in

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To be eligible as a scholar students must receive all A's and B's, with a minimum of six A's in their academic subjects during the first three terms at WPI.

OUTSTANDING



Three Andover residents received Outstanding Young Citizen Awards from the Andover Chamber of Commerce. They were, from left, Stephen Marley of Central Catholic, and Susan Teperow and Laura Goldstein, both of Andover High.

Doherty final honor roll

GRADE 6

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Zoe Porter
Molly Prudden

Michael Qin
Gregory Ragnio
John Randall
Ritik Ray
Benjamin Roberge
Katherine Rouff
Erik Rundquist

Ashley Saffer
Peter Saurders
Joel Solabarrasi
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Wyeth's Brendan Sullivan.

■ WYETH BIOPHARMA

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years ago grinding up hundreds of pounds of cow bone. From that mess they were able to extract the protein that grows bone; match it to the DNA gene, or blueprint, that creates the protein; and use that blueprint to grow the protein themselves, in vat-like tanks.

"It looks very much like an ultra high-tech brewery," says Riedel, of the equipment.

The protein — which floats in a "broth" — is then painted onto small sponges, which a doctor inserts between a patient's vertebrae during surgery. The sponge gives the backbone the support it needs during healing, and the protein grows new bone in place, while the sponge slowly disintegrates beneath it.

"The biology is quite slick," says Riedel.

And backbones are just the beginning. The protein has the potential to heal injuries almost anywhere in the body. Wyeth is now focusing on using the protein to heal severe fractures such as those caused by car accidents — "fractures where if you have a weak stomach you don't want to see them coming into surgery," says Riedel.

The protein, paired with a surgical device developed by Minnesota-based Medtronic for this particular surgery, is available immediately.

Little expansion predicted at Wyeth

Wyeth's latest success does not mean the company's employee numbers — or the traffic caused by commuters — will jump to meet the demand the company is expecting, says Chris Perley, managing director of the Andover facility. Traffic on Clark Road and surrounding areas has been deemed a growing problem by some local residents.

"This (FDA) approval does not change our hiring plans. Most of the people who will work on this project are already here," Perley says.

The Andover facility currently employs about 1,800 people, with about 450 working on the bone-protein project. In March, Wyeth announced plans to hire 200 more people.

IN BRIEF

Andover club wins regional award

Matt Haymer, outgoing president of the Rotary Club of Andover, was recently presented a winning cup for leading his club in public service during the 2001-02 Rotary year, which ended June 30. In ceremonies in front of more than 350 attendees at the Sheraton Colonial in Wakefield, Haymer received the presentation from 2001-02 Rotary Governor Donna-Lee Young Rubin of North Andover. The area Rotary clubs donated more than \$28,000 toward the eradication of polio worldwide.

Rotary's goal for 2002-03 is to raise an additional \$83 million in partnership with the World Health Organization. Many nations on the African continent still have polio as an endemic disease that maims and kills babies and young children. Rotary's goal is to eliminate the virus worldwide by 2005.



◀ Matt Haymer, outgoing president of the Rotary Club of Andover, and Rotary Governor Donna-Lee Young Rubin.



PHOTO BY NEIL FATER

Her home is her castle — Sammy Leslie (left) offers a taste of a Castle Leslie sauce to Nea Ahern, owner of The Blue Cow.

Good enough for Paul McCartney... Castle Leslie brands could take Andover by storm

By Neil Fater

THE CHEFS WHO PREPARED singer Paul McCartney's wedding dinner will soon be preparing food that will be available in Andover.

Nea Ahern, owner of The Blue Cow at 7 Barnard St., last week sampled some of the first products to be marketed by Sammy Leslie, the operator of Leslie Castle, the historic Irish castle where the former Beatle had his recent wedding. Soon, Ahern will be offering at least one Castle Leslie brand — a balsamic vinegar and port reduction sauce that opened her eyes when she tasted it. "I've never tasted anything like that. It's rich," said Ahern, after sampling a bit of the sauce, spread on a cracker.

A 220 milliliter bottle sells for \$20, and should last six months, says Leslie. "That'll just lift your cooking," she says. "It's the culinary version of the Wonderbra."

In November, Leslie began bottling 48 different kinds of jams, chutneys, oils, marmalades and mustards. They first went on sale in December and have been receiving awards since then. Leslie was in New York this week for an international food fair that attracts 25,000 vendors. She expects to be unable to keep up with demand, because everything will be handmade by the castle chefs.

"Because it's gone so fast, and because of Paul McCartney having his

wedding with us, we have so many opportunities," says Leslie. "We'd definitely like to work with the Blue Cow."

It will be at least five or six weeks before the products are available in Andover, however.

McCartney wedding

But which of the Leslie treats were served at the wedding?

"Ahh... What was actually served at the wedding we would never discuss. It was vegetarian and it was Indian-based," says Leslie, coyly.

It took 110 people to prepare for the wedding, she says, 40 just for security.

"They were there 24 hours, and you guys (the press) are quite persistent," she says. "Security was always pulling photographers out of the hedges. You couldn't go to the shop without falling over someone."

Leslie says members of the staff were offered \$10,000 to sneak in a camera. "It's still hard to believe it happened," she says.

Leslie's personality is as colorful as her language. "I adore food, absolutely adore it. I've traveled about 37 countries at this stage, backpacking and things. I left school at 15," she says.

All of which is nothing new for the Leslies.

The family tree has roots that stretch back to Atilla the Hun. Its history reads like a romance novel. Hungarian nobleman Bartholomew Leslie was the chamberlain and protector of Margaret Queen Of Scotland. Ancestors entered the forbidden city in China, were observers of the American Civil War, hunted for the Loch Ness monster and lived around the world in various official and unofficial capacities. Sammy Leslie's father "was the first to realize that UFOs have always been with us," according to the castle's Web site.

The products sold under the Castle Leslie label are based around foods discovered during Sammy Leslie's grandparents' travels. The food will always be similar to that prepared at the castle, says Leslie. Proceeds will be used to help renovate the third of the castle that is crumbling. Other portions of the castle can currently be rented, and visitors can dine at the building, which Leslie refers to as "the house."

"(The food) will always be handmade and always made by the chefs," she says.

"I've never tasted anything like that. It's rich."

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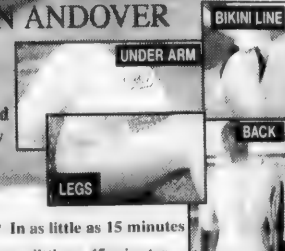
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Thursday, July 11

Kids lizard show, The L'il Iguana Traveling Safety Show, free, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41.

<www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Lecture on documents of freedom, with Jim Thivierge, \$1, 2 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Bently Library, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill; Carol Duhart 978-556-3825.

Internet business seminar, with computer engineer Ted Pottel, sponsored by Active Tech Consulting, free, 7-8:30 p.m., registration required, Billerica Public Library, 15 Concord Road, Billerica; 978-885-0383.

Live classical music, with Julia Scolnick on flute and Sergey Schepkin on piano, 7 p.m., Rockefeller Hall, Phillips Exeter Academy, Front Street, Exeter, N.H.; 603-777-3343.

Live folk music, with Andrew McKnight, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery and Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441.

Striped Bass Fishing Tournament, sponsored by Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce & Industry; 978-462-6680, <www.nwburyportchamber.org>.

Friday, July 12

Live folk, Celtic music, featuring Mad Agnes, \$15, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, <www.stonehamtheatre.org>.

Live music, with Livingston Taylor, \$5, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Rocco & Rosie's Comedy Wedding, call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Brian Powers, Annette Pollack, Jay Savage, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Striped Bass Fishing Tournament, see July 11 entry.

Saturday, July 13

Birds of prey demonstration, with

Wingmasters Julie Collier and Jim Parks of Springfield, 11 a.m., Sterns Pond, Harold Parker State Forest headquarters, off Middleton Road; 978-475-7972.

Summer festival, sponsored by Martins Pond Association, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., fishing derby, raffles, flea market included, Martins Pond, Burroughs Road, North Reading; 978-664-1776, <www.martinspond.org>.

Dance salute to America, with the Youth Dance Company of the Donna Miceli Dance Center, free, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Antique, art show, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lucy Larcom Park, near Lowell High School, downtown Lowell; <www.downtownlowell.com>.

Live music, with ABBAMania, \$5, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Live comedy cabaret, featuring KT Sullivan, \$25, \$21 seniors, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, <www.stonehamtheatre.org>.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Tony V., Kerry Louise, Dave Rattigan, call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Brian Powers, Annette Pollack, Jay Savage, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Striped Bass Fishing Tournament, see July 11 entry.

Sunday, July 14

Family splash party, sponsored by Department of Community Services, 1 p.m., featuring games, crafts, live music from 1-3 p.m., Poms Pond, bring a picnic or purchase sandwiches at concession stand; Kim Stamas 978-623-8274.

Monday, July 15

Golf, dinner, auction, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, \$159, 11:30 a.m., Indian Ridge Country Club; 978-686-0900.

Ammachi, the Saint who hugs, vis-

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All sewn up: Artist finishes tribute to homemakers of old

By Judy Wakefield

An Andover artist is paying tribute to the women of eras gone by with her new exhibit in Lowell.

Betsy Wish's exhibit, "The Lost Art of Homemaking," especially salutes her late mother in this colorful mixed-media exhibit showing at The Brush Art Gallery in Lowell through Aug. 4.

"I grew up in a warm, cozy home where my mother really took homemaking very seriously. Her table was always set just so, even if we were having macaroni and cheese. She set a beautiful table every night," said Wish, who is well-known around Andover for her muralist work at local business offices. She has also taught art at local schools and is the artist who designed and painted a colorful tree-house themed mural at the Bancroft School.

When her mother died three years ago, Wish started thinking about all those recipes, cookbooks, fancy aprons and boxes of fabric that were left behind. The collection represented memories too precious to throw away.

So, Wish set out to design an exhibit that remembers her mother and other women of yesteryear who entertained guests wearing fancy aprons, baked fancy desserts every day of the week and only used certain dishes for certain meals. "My mom was a fabulous artist, too, and it just broke my heart not to do something artistic with all her stuff," Wish said.

She took out her easel and has cooked up quite a show.

Wish's exhibit is basically mixed-media, as she cut up many recipes, and cut and pasted photographs from magazines and cookbooks that depicted family life or food. Then, she framed the piece with the recipe written in contemporary script. The pieces in the show include a very yellow lemon-meringue piece, which



Wish uses everything but the kitchen sink in her tribute to homemaking

was her father's favorite pie and served often when she was growing up. Another piece is called Shoo-Fly Pie and her singular painting of a pie is appropriately entitled "Pie in the Sky."

She also pays tribute to chocolate

with a collage of chocolate chunks and cherry pie.

Her "Happy Mother's Day" focused on Christmas items, including chopsticks and fans, as her mother enjoyed

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Bronzed before his time: Relief of baseball personality Don Zimmer by Andover artist marks a N.H. field

By Rebecca Piro

When Andover artist Tom Norris was commissioned to create a bronze relief of baseball personality Don Zimmer — the portly man with the nickname Popeye, and not because Zimmer likes spinach — Norris had one thought.

"I'm going to need more clay," he says.

That was back in February. Today, baseball fans can find the finished bronze relief of Zimmer, a former Boston Red Sox manager and current bench coach for the New York Yankees, standing at the Don Zimmer field in Windham, N.H.

Zimmer's daughter lives in Windham, where the baseball lifer with 54 years of history in the sport has donated time and money to the community's youth. Norris, 68, was chosen out of a handful of artists to sculpt the relief.

"Don Zimmer is the best-known person I've ever done. He's quite a guy," he says.

Maybe more importantly, Zimmer himself had a positive response to the work. It might have to do with the fact that Norris agreed to model the

now 72-year-old Zimmer at age 55.

"He loved it!" says Norris, who, despite allowing Zimmer's age to slide, was true to the coach's

bull-dogish jowls and beady eyes.

Zimmer lived in Andover briefly while he was working at Fenway Park. Many Boston fans know him as a Red Sox manager, during the 1970s, but the artist depicted Zimmer in Yankee pinstripes. So what's the big idea?

"That was part of the commission," says Norris apologetically. "Stripes and all."

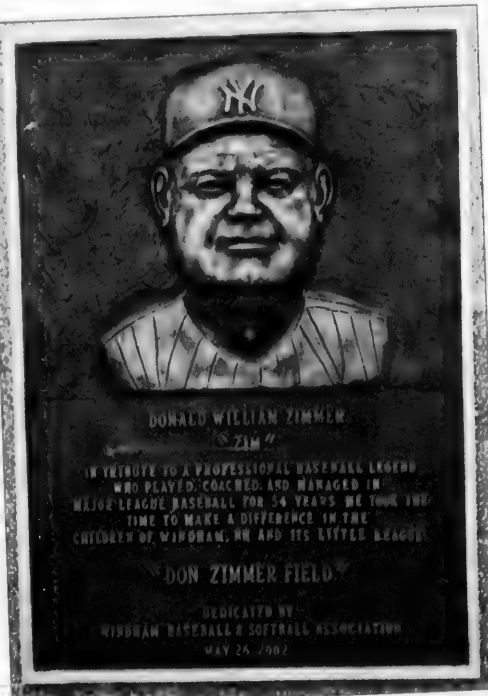
Norris, who says he lost his passion for sports in his youth, worked for years as an electronics specialty subcontractor, dabbling in art in his spare time.

"I went from missiles to sculptures, thank God," he says.

He decided to try sculpting with hopes of improving his drawing skills. It turned out to be much more than that.

"My great joy was the first time I touched clay," he says. "I knew where I belonged."

Norris used photos for his relief of Zimmer, but prefers to use the real-life person as well as printed images for most of his commissions. He usually creates bigger sculptures in shared stu-



This bronze relief of Zimmer stands at a baseball field in Windham, N.H. in honor of the man himself.

"Don Zimmer is the best-known person I've ever done. He's quite a guy."

TOM NORRIS



Artist Tom Norris sculpts a portrait of a family member — one of his favorite projects, even if it is not as notable as baseball personality Don Zimmer.

dios with other artists, but he crafted Zimmer's relief in the northern light of his Walnut Avenue living room.

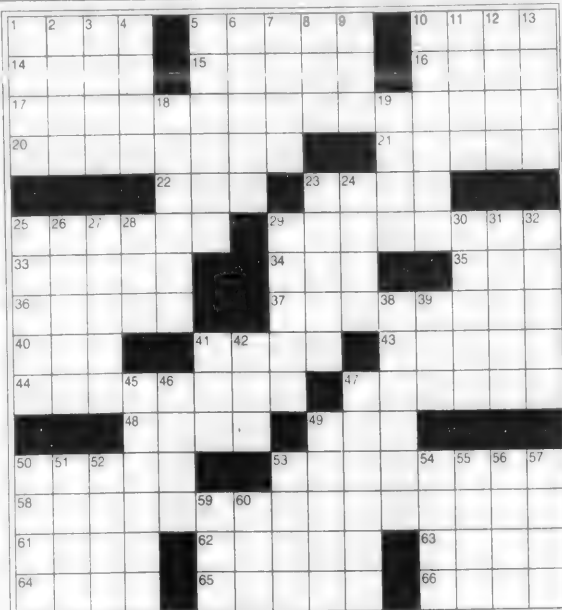
It was a paid commission, but Norris says it's difficult for artists to recoup all the time and money they spend on a single project. This one took about four months to complete before the field's dedication ceremony, which Zimmer

attended, on Memorial Day. Zimmer received some business from his commissions, including a baseball bat from Zimmer's company of sculpting his agent into the Baseball Hall of Fame. "I'm hoping to bid on that sculpture," Norris

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54. Expresses delight
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57. Cause to be admitted
59. Package, abbr.
60. A nucleic acid, abbr.

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Artist has fun with fabric, food

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out for Chinese food. "It made her happy (to go out for Chinese food), so that's why I called it, 'Happy Meal,'" said Wish, who is married and the mother of two sons.

Her mother's apron collection was extensive, so aprons get special attention.

"She had aprons for fine dining, not-so-fine dining, gardening, you name it," Wish said of her mother.

Wish has painted an elegant white apron with two bluebirds for this show, which is reminiscent of what women wore in the 1940s. Her contemporary spin on aprons in this show features the Statue of Liberty dressed in a red, white and blue apron and holding a spoon. The words, "there's no place like home," fill the background.

It's not part of the show, but a full-page magazine ad also hangs in Wish's art space. It's a story about how "this mother of four made this striped coat dress in eight hours and you can, too!" It was about Wish's mother, who also sewed.

"She never even told us about the advertisement. I found this when I was cleaning out her things," Wish said.

The show is indeed a fascinating behind-the-scenes tribute to the lost art of homemaking.

Brush Art Gallery is located at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center on Market Street in Lowell. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

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its Andover, 10 a.m. meditation, 7:30 p.m., inspirational talk; Anita G. Rao-Ballakur. <www.ammachi.org>

Tuesday, July 16

History, craft workshop for kids, about reading old photographs, for ages 10-14, 3-5 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

Live jazz, with The Bruce Gertz Quartet, \$5, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Free outdoor film, *Shrek*, 8:30 p.m., Columbus Park, Haverhill, sponsored by England's MicroCreamery, 109 Washington St., Haverhill; weather permitting, 978-373-6400.

Wednesday, July 17

Live music in The Park, featuring Andy Maness and his Four Guys in Tuxes, sponsored by Department of Community Services, free, 6 p.m., corner of Bartlet and Chesnut streets; Mary Donohue 978-623-8274.

Slide show, lecture on Steinbeck, with Steinbeck fellow Kate Rodger of Andover, sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, free, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; Norma Gammon 978-623-8401.

Retirees meeting, Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA) of UMASS-Lowell, meet at 8:45 a.m. for a day trip to the Crane Estate in Ipswich; 978-934-3135.

Federal mansion tour, 2 p.m., free, The Stephen Phillips Trust House, 34 Chestnut St., Salem, Mass.; 978-744-0440.

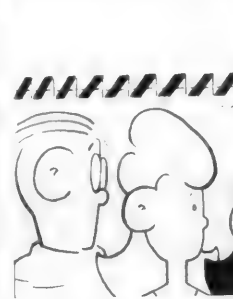
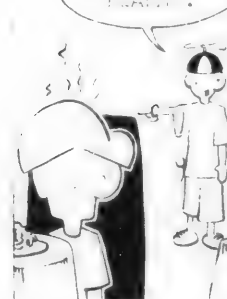
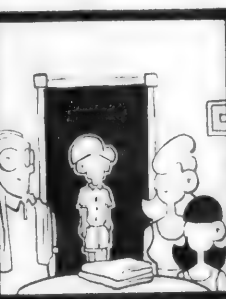
Auditions, for The Valley Players's production, *And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little*, 7 p.m., Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

Thursday, July 18

Live music, with the Windham Community Band, sponsored by the Haverhill Downtown Association, free, 7 p.m., Washington Square, Haverhill.

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American Legion baseball

Post 8 bidding for postseason berth

By Rick Harrison

Kyle Ahern continued his outstanding pitching with a crisp two-hit shutout against a strong Middleton Post 227 team, as the Andover Post 8 American Legion squad solidified its bid for a Zone 8 playoff berth with an impressive 6-0 whitewash of the visitors recently at Aumais Field.

It was a nice way to rebound from a 10-1 thrashing at the hands of the Swampscott Mariners, and the triumph inched the locals one-half game ahead of Swampscott in the battle for first place in Zone 8.

Andover also collected a 1-0 forfeit win over a tardy Lynn Post 345 team, which boosted Post 8's overall record to 10-2 entering the final third of the regular season schedule.

Swampscott began the week

at 9-2 and Newburyport had just three losses.

Also battling for post-season berths, with four losses each, are Middleton, Gloucester, Lynn Gautreau, Danvers and Lawrence.

Haverhill, with five losses, also retains an outside shot at the playoffs.

"I think we keep surprising people with our play," said manager Joe Iarrobino. "No one expected us to be battling for first place and the playoffs this year."

"We couldn't be happier with the effort and the results. If someone said we'd be 10-2 after 12 games I would have said 'I'll take it!'"

"We continue to hit in the clutch, pitch well and execute the fundamentals. We stick with station to station baseball and

it's working because we're stringing hits together."

"Some kids have come out of nowhere to play very well — and (Andy) Salini has been amazing," said Iarrobino.

Sizzling Salini

Andover outfielder Andy Salini continues as one of the most dangerous hitters in Massachusetts Legion baseball.

He was 21-for-31 in the first 12 games, a scorching .667 average. He has hit safely in all but one game and has 23 RBI including at least one in every game except Swampscott.

Schedule

Andover returned to action earlier this week, after *Townsmen* presstime, against Peabody. The next game is Saturday

evening at home versus Revere (5 p.m.), and Sunday night Post 8 plays Lynn Post 6 under the lights at Breed Junior High in Lynn (7:30 p.m.).

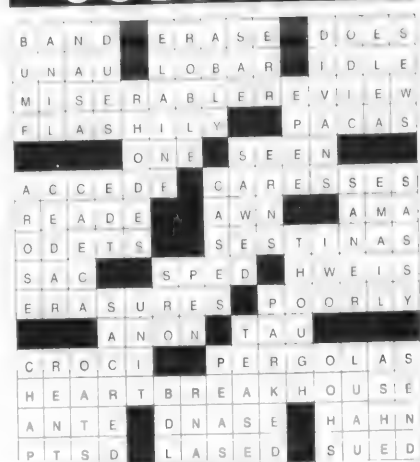
All-Star Games

Andover sent five players and the coaching staff to last weekend's annual Zone 8 versus Zone 5 Legion All-Star double-header at Feeley Field in Sudbury.

Andy Salini and Chris Hanlon played in the 18-year-old division game, won 5-4 by Zone 8. Hanlon belted his first homer of the summer in the game, and earned the save on the mound with two strong innings of relief in his first pitching appearance.

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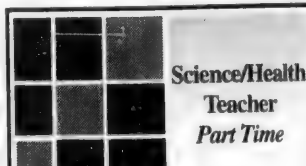
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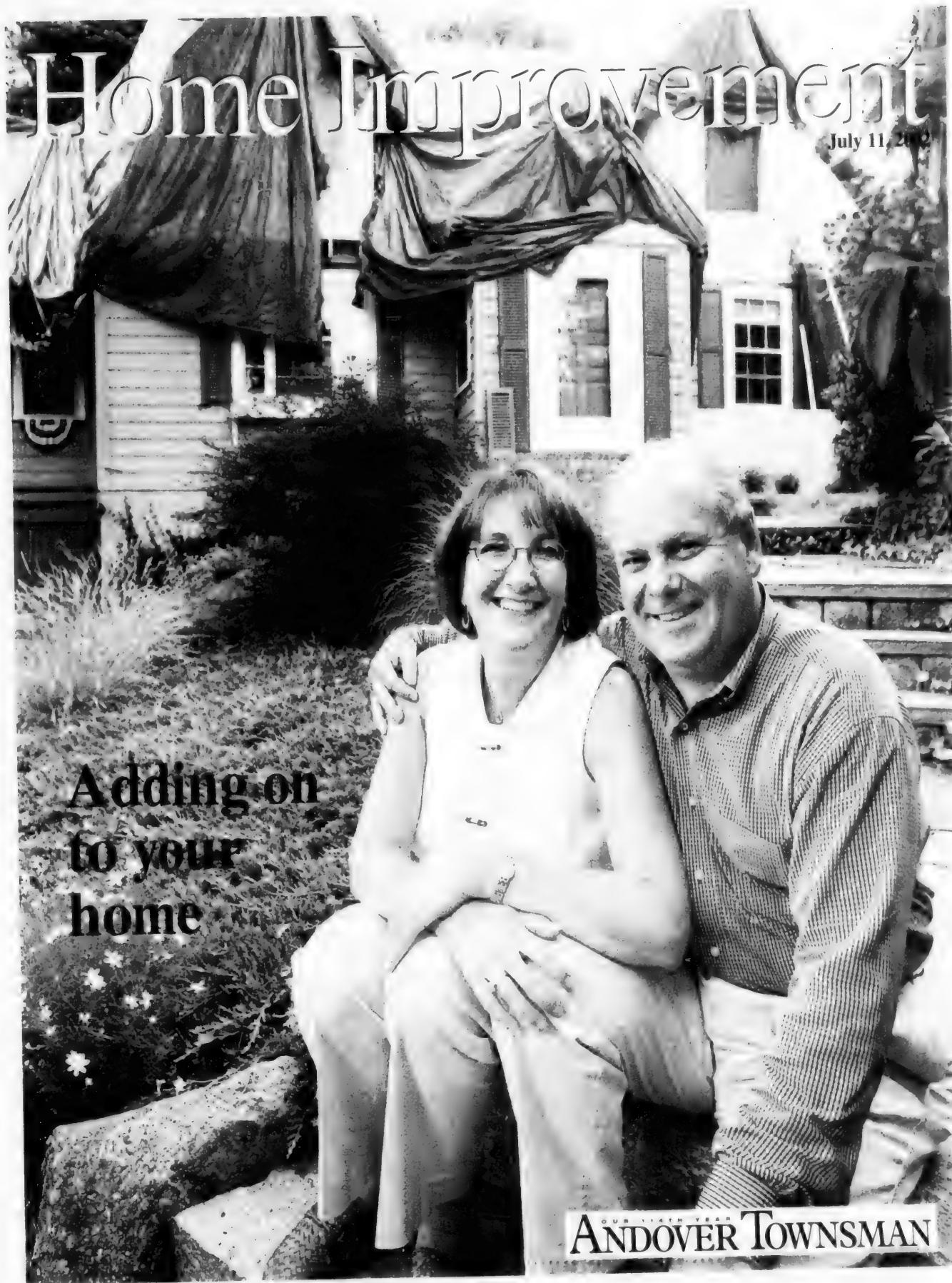
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Going up becoming a space-seeking solution

Low mortgage rates, expensive new homes make staying put attractive

By Judy Wakefield

With mortgage rates at a 35-year low and sky-high prices for new housing, many Andover homeowners are tackling space crunches by adding another floor to their homes.

"It just makes sense for homeowners to stay put and go up if they can," said BJ Richardson, a project manager for Black Dog Construction. "If they like their neighborhood, they are going up if they can."

Richardson said it was kitchen and bathroom improvements that kept the Salem, N.H. based construction company busy last year. But this year, home improvement is all about going up. Especially among the homeowners with ranch-style homes, like Sara and Michael "Mike" Dousa of 51 Ballardvale Road in Andover.

The Dousas' early 1950s one-story ranch is getting a second floor. It will become a cape-style house with two



Above: 51 Ballardvale Road home is under renovation. This home is getting a second-floor addition.

dormered windows. The renovation work is being done by Black Dog.

"We wanted more space but we didn't want to move. We really like the town and our neighborhood," said Mike Dousa, who works at Fidelity

Investments in Boston.

While their only son is grown, downsizing was not what these grandparents wanted to do. They always wanted a master suite and some library space, and they are getting that with the addition.

Making changes

The original ranch floor plan included two bedrooms, 1/2 baths, a living room, a dining room, a family room and an

open kitchen. The addition adds a cathedral-ceiling master suite with a full bathroom, a library, and the laundry area is moving from the basement to the top of the two-car garage.

"It's not a typical design and we worked with an architect to get this look," said Mike Dousa. "We decided it was time to treat ourselves right."

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Felix Derrick lead carpenter on the job.

around the extensive and attractive landscaping that decorates the yard. The Dousas bought the house several years ago from a horticulturist affiliated with the Arnold Arboretum in Boston so there has always been a gardening flair to the property. In fact, an arborist was called to scale back a magnolia tree

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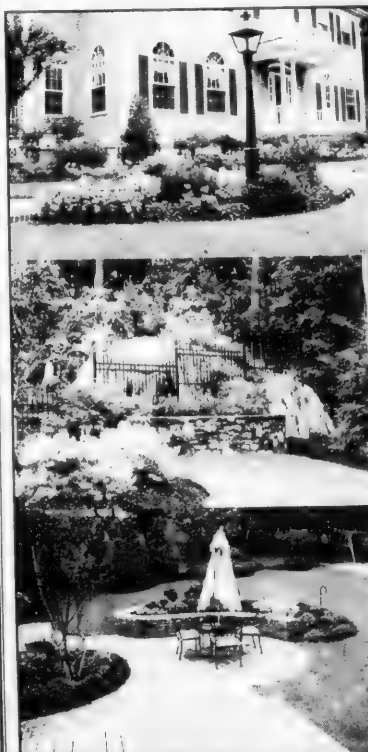
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whose branches were not used to the new roof line. The tree was cut back. In addition, the Dousas have a wonderful vegetable garden that is in perfect view from the good-sized kitchen window.

The remodeling job started in late May and is among several

in the area being done by the same construction company. Black Dog is currently doing work at four Andover homes within a five mile radius of the Dousa home. In fact, of the company's \$7.2 million annual renovation work 75 percent (over \$5 million) is in Andover, Richardson said.

Costs run about \$48 to \$75 per square foot for such reno-

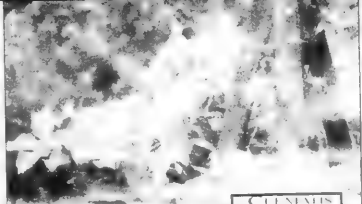
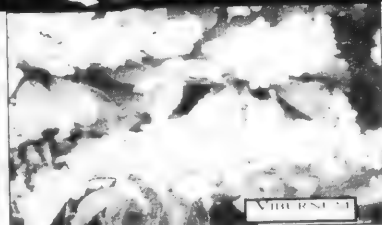
ventions. Extras, like upper end cabinetry and marble in the bathrooms, are what hike the price, Richardson said.

"The year started slow, but work really picked up. With the low rates we're like the national average, which shows that people are staying put if they like their location," he added. "Right now, it's all about going up."



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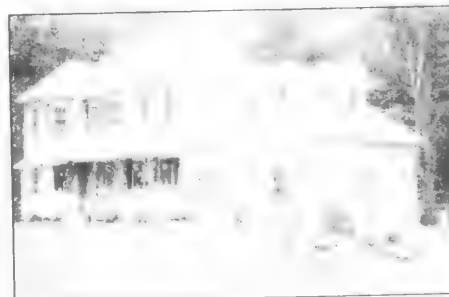
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Just what is high-quality paint?

By Thea Shapiro

When it comes to redecorating, the one thing most people can do themselves is paint a room, even if they need to consult someone on what colors to use. But when it comes to buying the paint, people are faced with a slew of questions: How much should one spend on a gallon? Is oil better than latex? What about flat? Gloss? Semi-gloss? Which paint is of the highest quality, or are all paints the same?

Here are some basics:

Latex or oil?

Latex-based paint is considered the easiest to work with. It dries quickly and is easy to clean up; all you need is soap and water. It is best used on walls and ceilings and it is also good on wood. Latex paints are environmentally friendly. Recent advancements in latex paint have made oil paint unnecessary for most uses. According to Ron Boyajian, product marketing manager of California Paints. The coverage in a high-quality latex can give homeowners what they expect from an oil-based paint, says Boyajian.

Oil-based paint, also known as alkyd-based, dries more slowly than latex. It is a pain to

clean. Users will need a solvent-like turpentine to clean off their paint brushes, skin, and anything else they might accidentally touch. But oil-based paint is stain-resistant and works well on metal. One nice thing about oil-based paint is its self-leveling property, which allows it to spread more than latex paint, so you see less of the brush stroke.

Tip:

With an oil-based paint, use a brush with natural bristles and a natural (lamb's wool) roller.

With a latex-based paint, use a brush with synthetic bristles (natural bristles absorb the water in latex paint) and a synthetic (nylon) roller.

What finish should I use?

A flat finish is good for large surfaces, since it doesn't reflect light. It absorbs light so colors look darker. Flat paints also absorb stains, so they are best used in low traffic areas.

A satin or eggshell finish is excellent for brightening up hallways, children's rooms, family rooms, bedrooms and common areas. It helps soften a room. It's also easier to clean than most flat paints.

Semi-gloss and high-gloss finishes are easy to clean, great

for high-traffic areas like kitchens, bathrooms, hallways and doors. Gloss paints reflect most of the light, so colors tend to look brighter.

What should you look for in a paint?

Boyajian says that "price dictates quality." It costs more to make a high-quality paint. When looking for a high-quality paint, he advises, look for one that says 100-percent acrylic, not vinyl acrylic added.

How many coats?

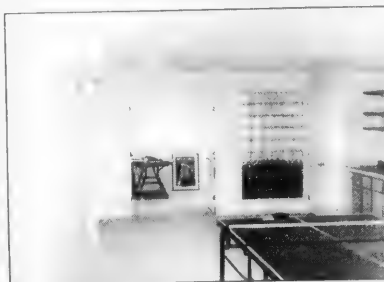
Boyajian recommends using two coats, even with the highest quality paints. The first coat serves as a primer when painting on top of a previously painted surface. When painting on an unpainted surface, you should use a primer, plus two coats.

According to Boyajian high-quality paints use titanium dioxide in their pigments. Titanium dioxide is better at hiding the underlying color. It also yields the whitest whites and cleaner color when tinting with pastels. Deeper colors don't require titanium dioxide.

Boyajian believes that the best colors are those mixed at the factory, where there is more control over the paint. But when a buyer can't get the color

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they want premixed, they should get the best base possible, he says. It should be 100-percent acrylic for adhesion and smoothness, with titanium dioxide for color.

What about mildew and cleaning?

According to a leading consumer magazine, *Consumer Reports*, California Paints and Valspar and among the brands that hold up well to mildew. These paints have a mildew resistant agent. Kitchen and bath paints, usually gloss or semigloss, are more resistant than flat wall paint. A good-quality paint should hold up well to regular washing. California Paints has devised a flat paint called 2010 that the company claims will clean as well as any eggshell or semigloss.

At what price?

Yes, high-quality paints do

cost more, but they have advantages. Painters can argue over just how much to spend, however.

Karen English, of Chestnut Street in Andover finds that cheap paint is not a joy to work with, and the results are not terribly satisfying. "I don't have a lot of time to spend on home improvement," says English. "So if I'm going to invest a considerable chunk of it preparing the surface and applying the paint, I want great results. For a time, I sprang for premium brands from our local 'boutique' paint and wallpaper store. Nice to work with and looks great. Then I compared the ease of application and overall results with the best grade of paint branded by Sears Hardware. Sears won. Much cheaper (I buy it on sale) and the quality, for my purposes, is just as good."

Pete St. Gelais, assistant manager of Walls and All in North Andover, doesn't agree

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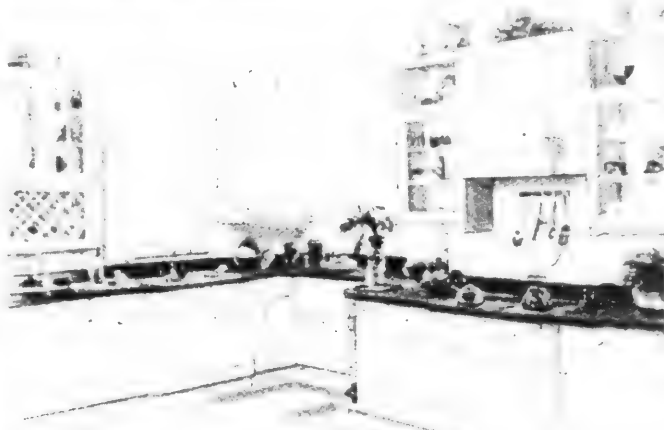
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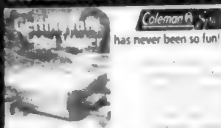
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One of the most important rooms in any home is the kitchen. Today, the kitchen has become the heart of almost every home. Whether remodeling an existing kitchen or buying a new home, consumers are seeking out kitchens that serve as the focal point their home. Creating the ideal kitchen is easy with a little help and by keeping the three "f's" in mind: function, form and flow.

One of the biggest complaints people have about their kitchen is that it is awkward to move around in.

The kitchen experts at Moynihan Lumber's Kitchen Showroom say a kitchen is designed around a path known as the work triangle, which ties together the work stations.

A work station is simply an area that completes a certain task. Your food preparation/cooking work station will probably include an oven, cooktop, and microwave. A clean-up work station consisting of a trash compactor and a dishwasher and a food storage work station with a refrigerator and pantry are also examples of work stations. Some kitchens also have a planning work station with a desk.

The work triangle path controls the flow of traffic, so you don't have to walk far between work stations or appliances.

There are four basic kitchen designs.

The L-shaped kitchen: The L-shaped design provides a work area largely unbroken by traffic. It is one of the most common kitchen designs, and it provides excellent flexibility in the placement of major appliances.

The U-shaped kitchen: This design gives you a good working environment since no traffic pattern cuts through it. This kitchen offers a great amount of counter space and one area of it may be used to separate the kitchen from the dining area.

The Island kitchen: An

island can be added to the U-Shaped, L-Shaped or Single Wall kitchens to provide plenty of counter space and storage.

The Single-Wall or Pullman kitchen: Popular for use in apartments and smaller homes, and also used to fit in with the open space concept for modern homes.

For more information on the four kitchen types, be sure to visit Moynihan Lumber's project planning center at www.moynihanlumber.com.

Scott Macdonald, one of Moynihan Lumber's kitchen designers, recommends that you take measurements of your existing kitchen, noting where windows, doors and appliances are. Be sure to bring these measurements with you when you go shopping for a new kitchen.

Prioritize on paper what

things are important to you about your new kitchen. Think how your new kitchen will be used and who will be using it. Make a list. By doing these things in advance you'll save time and give the designer all he or she will need to create your dream kitchen.

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2. Look for signs of deterioration to prepare for inclement weather. They include: algae buildup, interior ceiling stains; damaged flashing; loose, missing, curling, cracked or rotting

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3. Be cautious when choosing a roofing contractor. If you notice signs of deterioration, call in a professional roofing contractor. But keep in mind that 96 percent of roofing contractors go out of business within five years.

Be comfortable with who you choose as a contractor and that they will be in business throughout the life of the roof. Ask these questions: Does the contractor have complete workman's compensation insurance and general liability insurance in case something happens? Is the contractor properly licensed?

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Some look to exotic flooring

By Michael Ruderman

With timeless elegance and warm hues, hardwood flooring is a perennial favorite for those remodeling their homes, but other less expensive, environmentally-safe options are increasingly sought after by homeowners looking for a different look, according to some of those in the flooring business.

While traditional options such as red-oak hardwoods and tiles still provide flooring professionals with the majority of their business, they say that more customers now inquire about the benefits of laminates, bamboo and cork.

"Today, as opposed to five or 10 years ago, there are a lot more (flooring) options on the market," said David Bryan, president of Blackdog Builders Inc.

While located in Salem, N.H., 75 percent of Blackdog's business comes from Andover sites, he says. "Every project we do includes flooring," said Bryan.

Blackdog lays down mostly hardwood floors because "people relate and connect better to the natural wood," Bryan said. "The grain of the wood is warmer to people."

Many customers may seek the "glow" of oak hardwood floors, but Bryan notes that customers consider more than aesthetics when remodeling their houses. Homeowners also consider function and budget, two factors which may lead customers to new, lesser-known options.

Laminates such as Purgo are durable and can appear to be oak or cherry woods. While laminates provide less maintenance because they rarely suffer from water damage, cost for laminate installation can equal that of wood installation. In addition, laminates fail to provide the same feel as a wood floor.

By virtue of its exotic look, bamboo flooring is experiencing a surge in popularity. Though it has often been considered a wood, bamboo is actually a strong grass. Bamboo floors are constructed by splitting and flattening the stems of the plant and laminating them side by side, as to retain the distinctive jointed pattern.

"Bamboo allows for a cus-

tomized look while staying with natural colors that can transition from room to room with ease," said Kenny Traub of Arrow Floor Carpet One. "When you choose bamboo there is no need to worry about it being part of a fad. It's timeless."

According to Bryan, who displays no bamboo options in his storefront, "We haven't really had the demand for it." Consequently, Blackdog has never installed bamboo, though it is cheaper than the traditional red-

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Keeping the bugs out

Across the nation insects are causing \$2.5 billion-of damage every year

By Michael Ruderman

As summer swings into high gear, many Andover residents have been protecting their

homes against unwanted summer intruders - insects. While many of the more than one million species of insects are beneficial to the environment, sever-

al pests can be particularly destructive. Though it is easy to recognize mosquitoes and flies, the insects that hide within the walls of homes or the ground beneath them can wreak considerable and undetected havoc.

Tim Voigt, owner of North-east Environmental Pest Control, said that he has been "much busier this year than last year due to the mild winter." While he noted that these pests are the "biggest structural threats to houses," he has some customers who "just disregard the problem." Voigt, whose business has serviced Andover for three generations, argues that this case of denial can be detrimental.

Termites and carpenter ants, common enemies for homeowners across the nation, reportedly cause approximately \$2.5 billion of structural damage every year. In particular, termites will hit more than 2 million homes this year alone, eat-

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Bamboo and cork

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oak option. In addition, since bamboo is a naturally growing grass, it quickly regenerates, and taking bamboo from its natural environment does not harm the ecosystem.

Also able to regenerate, a healthy Mediterranean cork tree provides cork material for harvest every 10 years. While not a conventional flooring option, cork is considered by Arrow One to be "warm to walk on, naturally quiet, kind to feet (and) an ideal choice for a child's playroom or kitchen."

Despite the benefits of alternative flooring options, exotic woods lack the popularity that conventional hardwoods have. For the adventurous remodeler, however, "there are more than 30 exotic woods, all with different grains and colors," added Traub. "Mahogany has a rich, dark, reddish-brown hue; teak ranges from a yellow-brown to a dark, golden brown; and cypress has a beautiful, natural, honey-gold to brown color with distinctive knots."

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BUGS

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ing the home from the inside out. Carpenter ants hollow out the wood in a home. Exterminators like Voigt advise homeowners to call a professional if they see unexpected saw dust. Ants also eat the food stored in a home and, by infesting food, can cause sickness to residents.

"It can cost so much money if (homeowners) have carpenter-ant or termite damage if they've had the problem for years without getting it treated," said Azar Gharakhani of Security Pest Elimination in Dracut, which services customers in Andover.

Preventative measures

Homeowner can take several, simple, measures to stop pests from entering the home.

Experts advise that people fix leaking plumbing, prevent water buildup anywhere in the home, and store food in sealed glass or plastic containers. People should also free the kitchen or cooking area of cooking grease, caulk cracks and crevices to control pest access, and bathe pets regularly so they do not carry fleas or ticks into the home.

Exterminators also suggest storing firewood away from the foundation of a home, clearing the gutters regularly to prevent moisture buildup, and removing rotted wood from storage spaces. In addition, if swarms of termites fly around a house regularly, a homeowner should realize that they probably have already invaded the home.

If a home is currently being constructed, Voigt recommends using pretreatments such as borates. These preventative measures "add value (to the home), protect the house, and greatly decrease the use of pesticides around the home," he said.

Discovering a problem

Pest-control workers say that by the time homeowners realize that a pest problem exists, it can be too late. "A lot of people don't find out they have termites until they are buying or selling their homes and a home inspector spots them," Gharakhani noted.

Termites remain unseen by the human eye, burrowing underground and hiding in locales protected from sunlight and air.

Ants come out of the walls during the spring and summer seasons. However, they reside in the home all year and only sur-

face in open areas under warm conditions - approximately 80-90 degrees Fahrenheit.

Security Pest Elimination says it has a termite-sniffing dog named "Schep," who is specially trained to detect wood-eating insects in the home. While Security offers free termite inspections, an inspection with Schep costs \$125.

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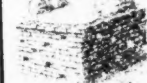
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When it comes to paint, quality counts

■ PAINT

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with Karen on the subject of store-brand paints. He doesn't like them. St. Gelais prefers Pratt & Lambert and California Paints.

You get what you pay for

"When it comes to paint there's nothing worse than cheap paint, you absolutely get what you pay for," he says.

I found that one can get high-quality paint starting around \$18 per gallon, and can spend as much as \$95 a gallon for some imported brands. Although buying top-of-the-line paint is well worth the money, you don't need to spend \$95. But don't expect to pay much less than \$20 per gallon. With high-quality paint, there will be less fading, better hiding, good color, better mildew protection and homeowners won't have to repaint as often.



Tips on how to paint

Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute recommends these four basic steps to a great interior paint job.

1. Prepare the surface:

Good paint performance depends largely on good adhesion, and good adhesion requires a clean surface. Remove dust and grime with mild soap and water. Allow the surface to dry. Fill cracks and holes with filling compound or caulk. For stained or discolored areas, use a stain-blocking primer. Prime any repaired or unpainted surfaces with a quality latex primer. To get the most uniform look, prime the whole area you will be painting.

2. The right tools and brushes:

The best brushes are well balanced, hold a lot of paint and distribute evenly. Tug on the bristles. If more than a couple come out, consider buying another brush. Good rollers are a must, they put paint on heavier and more evenly than inexpensive rollers.

3. Choose the right gloss level:

Decide on the look you want and the level of gloss you need (see story).

4. Use top-quality paint:

Consider 100-percent acrylic. The paint won't spatter, will have superior adhesion and stain resistance, and will apply more smoothly and look better longer.

For more information on tips for painting the interior and exterior of your home check out <www.paintquality.com>.

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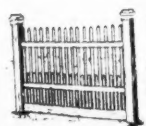


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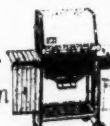
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